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My Monster Girl's Too Cool For You

Karino Takatsu

FUKU-ZUMI-KUN...
.....
THE THUMP
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THE THUMP
THANK YOU FOR THE HEARTFELT CONFESSION.
IT MADE ME... .....HAPPY.
S-SO YOU...
BUT I'M SORRY.
I.....
I.....

MY MONSTER GIRL'S TOO COOL FOR YOU!
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MORNIN'
SLIDE
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OF ALL THE LUCK.....
I'M POOP-ED...
SIGH
MAN, I KEEP WAKING UP FROM THAT DREAM.
AWKWARD
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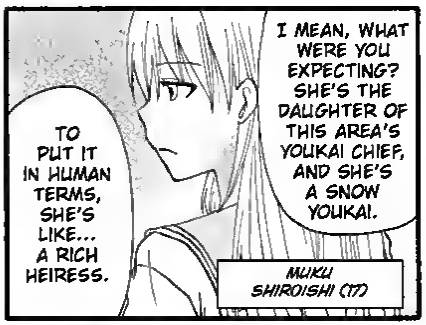
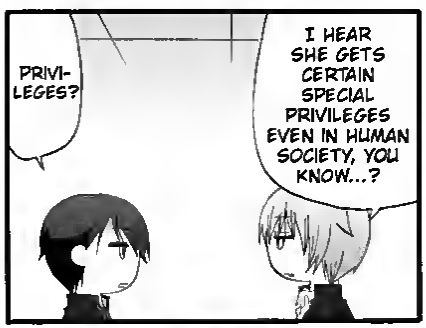
CAN'T BELIEVE I GOT SHOT DOWN LIKE THAT.....
ATSUSHI FUKUZUMI (17)
.....
SNIFF
STAY THE HECK AWAY FROM ME! YOU TRYIN'A FREEZE ME, YOU DUMB OL' YOUKAI —!!!!?

I AM NOT!!
WHEW
JUST 'COS SHIROISHI DOESN'T WANNA GO OUT WITH YOU DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN TAKE IT OUT ON US.

YOU CAN'T HARASS YOUKAI AT A HUMAN AND YOUKAI COED SCHOOL.
CUT IT OUT.
WHAP


I MEAN, WHAT WERE YOU EXPECTING? SHE'S THE DAUGHTER OF THIS AREA'S YOUKAI CHIEF, AND SHE'S A SNOW YOUKAI.
TO PUT IT IN HUMAN TERMS, SHE'S LIKE... A RICH HEIRESS.
MUKU SHIROISHI (17)

YOU COULD HARDLY TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOUKAI AND HUMANS IF NOT FOR THESE ARM-BANDS.
SHUYA ...
SHUYA MISONO (17)


I HEAR SHE GETS CERTAIN SPECIAL PRIVILEGES EVEN IN HUMAN SOCIETY, YOU KNOW...?
PRIVI-LEGES?

ACK!
THE GIRL WHO BROKE YOUR WITTLE HEART?
WAIT. DUDE. ISN'T THAT MUKU SHIRO-ISHI?
PFFT.
DANG IT!

LIKE WHEN SHE GOES SHOPPING, SHE ALWAYS GETS 30% OFF...
THE YOUKAI SURE HAVE ADJUSTED TO HUMAN SOCIETY.
GULP

CUT IT OUT!!
YOU WANNA TEASE? I'LL TEASE YOU RIGHT BACK!!
CAT YOUKAI ↑

OKAY, ATSUSHI. WHAT'S UP WITH YOU?
THIS COLD JERK? HE AIN'T YOU.
I KNOW YOU GOT SHOT DOWN, BUT STILL.
YEAH! IT'S THE 21ST CENTURY! HUMANS AND YOUKAI AREN'T SO DIFFERENT!
GOOD KITTY
DON'T PET ME.
I'M NOT A KITTY
YOU'RE NOT COLD, YOU'RE MORE LIKE... HOT-BLOODED?
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HOT-BLOODED...
BUT SHE STILL...
YOU JUST DON'T GET IT, SHUYA...
TEAR
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.....
DON'T EVEN LOOK AT ME !!
WHY...? WHY'D IT HAVE TO BE LIKE THAT...?
SHE MUST'VE SHOT HIM DOWN HARD...
BAM
BAM
BAM
DON'T GET BUMMED OUT OVER YOUR OWN INSULTS...

BUT SHE MIGHT NOT KEEP TO HERSELF BECAUSE SHE WANTS TO, YOU KNOW!!?
YEAH, SHE'S ALWAYS ALONE!

BAM
BAM
LOOK ...
YOU KNOW.
..... HEY.

AND WHEN I TALKED TO HER FOR THE FIRST TIME, SHE WAS REAL SWEET—
HECK, I'VE SEEN HER WITH THIS LONELY LOOK ON HER FACE!
.....
GASP
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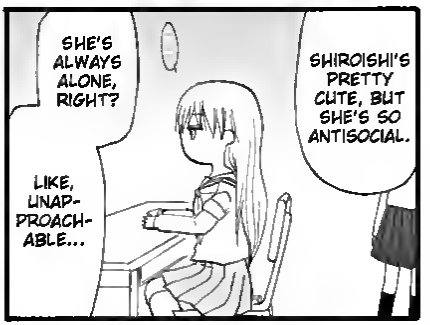
SHE'S ALWAYS ALONE, RIGHT?
SHIROISHI'S PRETTY CUTE, BUT SHE'S SO ANTISOCIAL.
LIKE, UNAP-PROACH-ABLE...

YOU DON'T WANNA GO OUT WITH THAT! YOU GOT OFF LUCKY!
BET SHE THINKS SHE'S BETTER THAN THE REST OF US, HUMANS AND YOUKAI.

YOU'RE LITERALLY DRIPPING WITH FEELINGS FOR HER.
NOT THAT I LIKE HER OR ANY-THING!!

WHY DO I BOTHER?
DON'T INSULT HERRR!

.....
FUKU-ZUMI-KUN...
CHEER UP, DUDE.
AFTER SCHOOL
SOB
?
I'M SORRY I'VE MADE YOU PUSH YOURSELF ...
!
I'LL TREAT YOU TO SOME-THING ON THE WAY HOME...
I TURNED YOU DOWN, YET YOU'RE BEING CONSIDERATE OF ME...
YOU'RE TOO KIND. THANK YOU.
.....
SH—
SHIRO-ISHI...
UH, WHAT? IT'S A MUTUAL CRUSH?
I LOVE YOU !!!!
STOP INSULTING HER IF IT'S GONNA MAKE YOU CRY...
DON'T TALK TO ME, ICE BOX !!!!

YUP, ALL A LIE!!
I HATE YOUR GUTS !!
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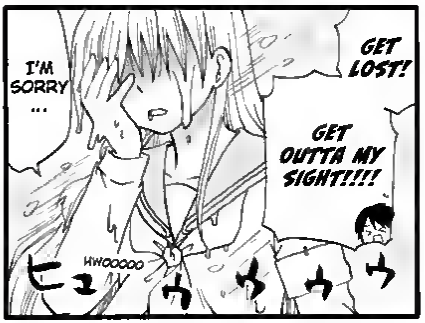
DRIP DRIP
ACK!
I WAS LYING !!

PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME!!
I CAN'T HELP BUT LOVE YOU!!


I'M SORRY ...
GET LOST!
GET OUTTA MY SIGHT!!!!
HWOOOOO
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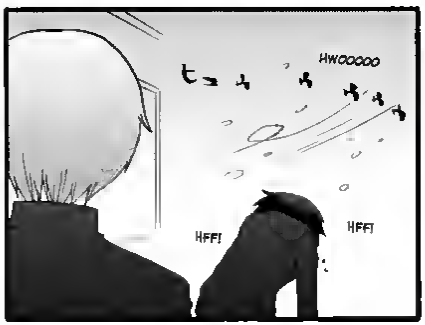
BUT I'M A SNOW YOUKAI.
THANK YOU, FUKUZUMI-KUN. IT MAKES ME SO HAPPY THAT YOU FEEL THAT WAY.


HWOOOOO
ヒュウウウ
HFF!
HFF!

WHEN LOVE OR ANY WARM FEELINGS ARE AIMED AT ME...
...I .....

I THINK YOUR HANDS ARE TIED .....
WHAT DO I DO, MAN?

SHI-RO-ISHI-!!!!!!!!!!
I COULD MELT TO DEATH ...
GLOOP
GLOOP
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SEASON : 2

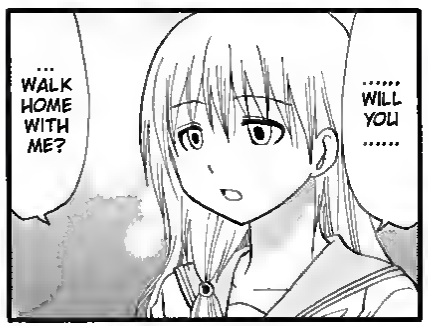
DUDE. IT'S JUST HOW IT IS. YOU GOTTA MOVE ON.
HAAH... WHAT'S UP WITH THAT...?
A CONFESSION GONE WRONG (BECAUSE PHYSICS)
LAST TIME
BUT THERE'S NO WAY IT COULD WORK.
IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE !!
ALMOST KILLED THE GIRL I LOVE...
YESTERDAY SUCKED, MAN...
DON'T SHOUT STUFF THAT'S BOUND TO GIVE PEOPLE THE WRONG IDEA.
OUR PHYSICAL COMPATIBILITY IS A LITTLE OFF, THAT'S ALL!!

.....
STOP IT WITH THE CAT TOY!!
GRRRR!!

'COS SHE'S A SNOW YOUKAI.
SHIROISHI LITERALLY MELTS FROM WARMTH OR LOVE...

WHAD-DAYA WANT !!?
WERE YOU OKAY YESTERDAY?
SH—
SHIRO-ISHI!
FUKU-ZUMI-KUN.

...I'LL JUST BECOME ONE COOL DUDE.
HEH!
IN THAT CASE ...


... WALK HOME WITH ME?
..... WILL YOU .....

YEAH, GOOD LUCK WITH THAT.

SMOTH-ERINGLY HOT...
OH MAAAN!
SHE WANTS TO GO HOME TO-GETHER !!!?

"SMOTH-ERINGLY" !? WHAT GIVES !!?
WHEN YOU'RE SMOTHER-INGLY HOT. TO THE CORE.

.....
TH-THUMP
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TH-THUMP
TMP
TMP
WH—
.....
WHISPER
WHISPER
OKAY, COOL YOUR JETS.
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN!?
S—
SO...
O-OKAY, WHAT NOW? I MEAN, I CAN'T EXACTLY INSULT HER WHILE WE WALK HOME TOGETHER!
DUDE!
THIS COULD MEAN THAT SHIROISHI AIN'T TOTALLY UNRECEPTIVE TO YOUR FEELINGS.
ICE
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DOOOM
DUDE
THAT SEEMS MORE LIKELY.
THAT, OR SHE MIGHT WANNA GET RID OF YOU, SINCE YOU'RE A THREAT TO HER LIFE.....
YUP. SHE'S GONNA GET RID OF ME.
ULP!
DID YOU HEAR A WORD I JUST SAID?
BOUNCE BOUNCE
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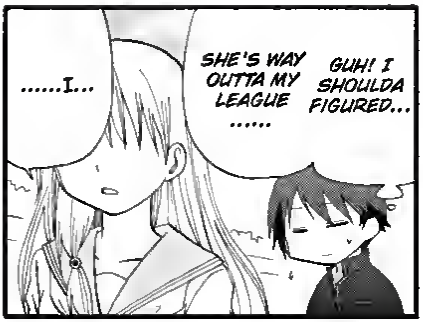
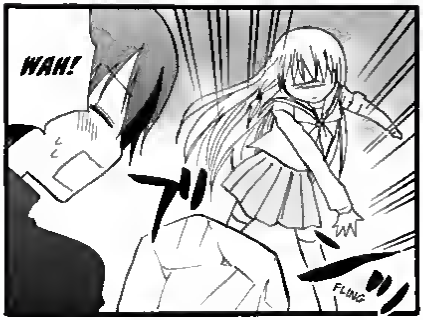
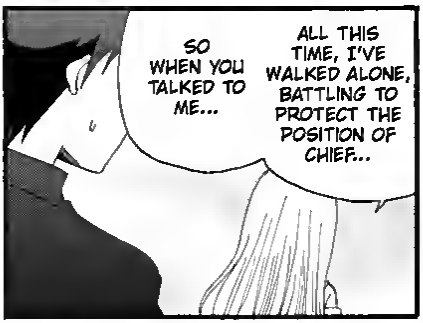
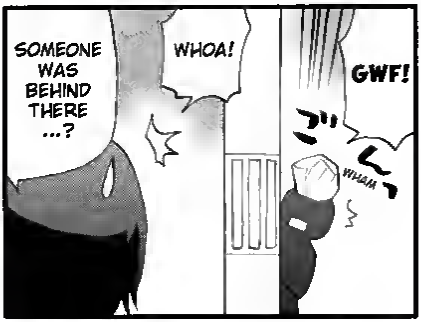
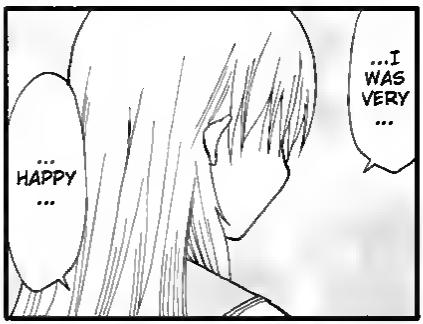
COOL! SEE YOU TOMORROW!!

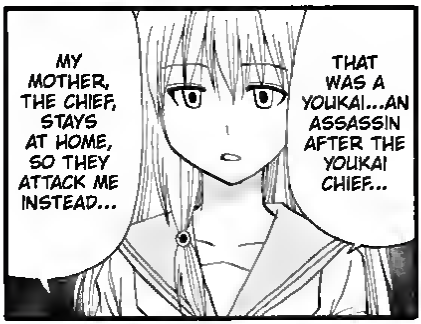

.....I...
SHE'S WAY OUTTA MY LEAGUE .....
GUH! I SHOULDA FIGURED...


WAH!
FLING

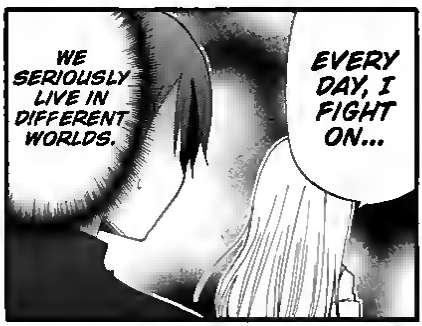

SO WHEN YOU TALKED TO ME...
ALL THIS TIME, I'VE WALKED ALONE, BATTLING TO PROTECT THE POSITION OF CHIEF...


SOMEONE WAS BEHIND THERE ...?
WHOA!
GWF!
WHAM

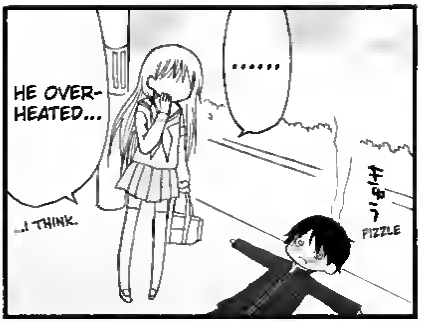

...I WAS VERY ...
... HAPPY ...


MY MOTHER, THE CHIEF, STAYS AT HOME, SO THEY ATTACK ME INSTEAD...
THAT WAS A YOUKAI...AN ASSASSIN AFTER THE YOUKAI CHIEF...

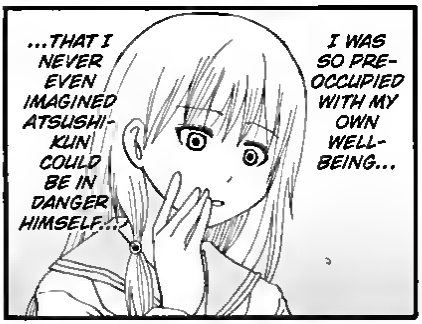
...SHE'S NOT TOTALLY UNRECEP-TIVE!!!!
SHE...


WE SERIOUSLY LIVE IN DIFFERENT WORLDS.
EVERY DAY, I FIGHT ON...

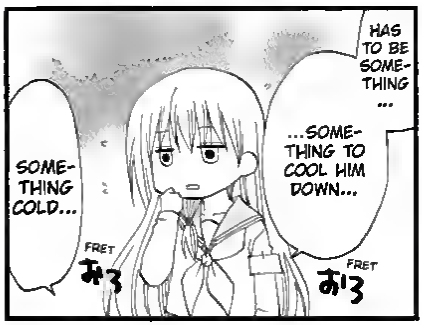
WELL ...?
O-OH YEAH! FRIENDS !!?
YEAH!! TOTALLY !!
THAT WOULD BE AWE-SOME !!
SO... I...
I KNOW THIS IS SELFISH OF ME, AFTER I TURNED YOU DOWN...
I'LL BE REAL CAREFUL NOT TO MELT YOU!!
LET'S BE BUDS, SHIROISHI !!
IF WE GET TOO CLOSE, I'LL...WELL, I'LL MELT.
SO I'D LIKE TO KEEP IT CASUAL .....
YOU CAN CALL ME MUKU.
SH— SHIRO-ISHI...
WOULD YOU BE FRIENDS WITH ME...?
HANG IN THERE, BODY.....
ぼっ BURN
I'M SORRY. I'M STARTING TO MELT A BIT...
YOU'RE REALLY SWEATING THERE...
DRIP
DRIP


HE OVER-HEATED...
.....
...I THINK.
PIZZLE

COR-RECT.
MUKU.
M—
M—
M—
M—


...THAT I NEVER EVEN IMAGINED ATSUSHI-KUN COULD BE IN DANGER HIMSELF...?
I WAS SO PRE-OCCUPIED WITH MY OWN WELL-BEING...

OKAY.
JUST CALL ME ATSUSHI!!
S—
S—
SAME HERE!


SOME-THING COLD...
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...SOME-THING TO COOL HIM DOWN...
HAS TO BE SOME-THING ...
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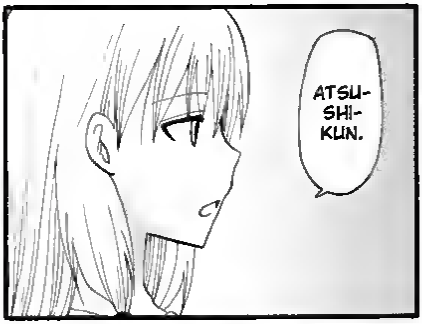
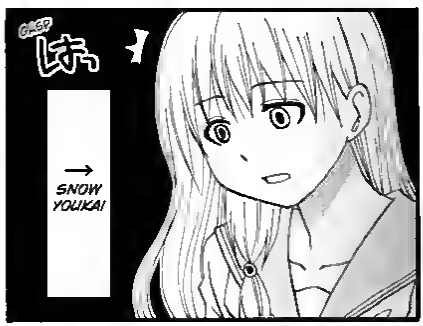

ATSU-SHI-KUN.


GASP
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→ SNOW YOUKAI

!!?
STEAM
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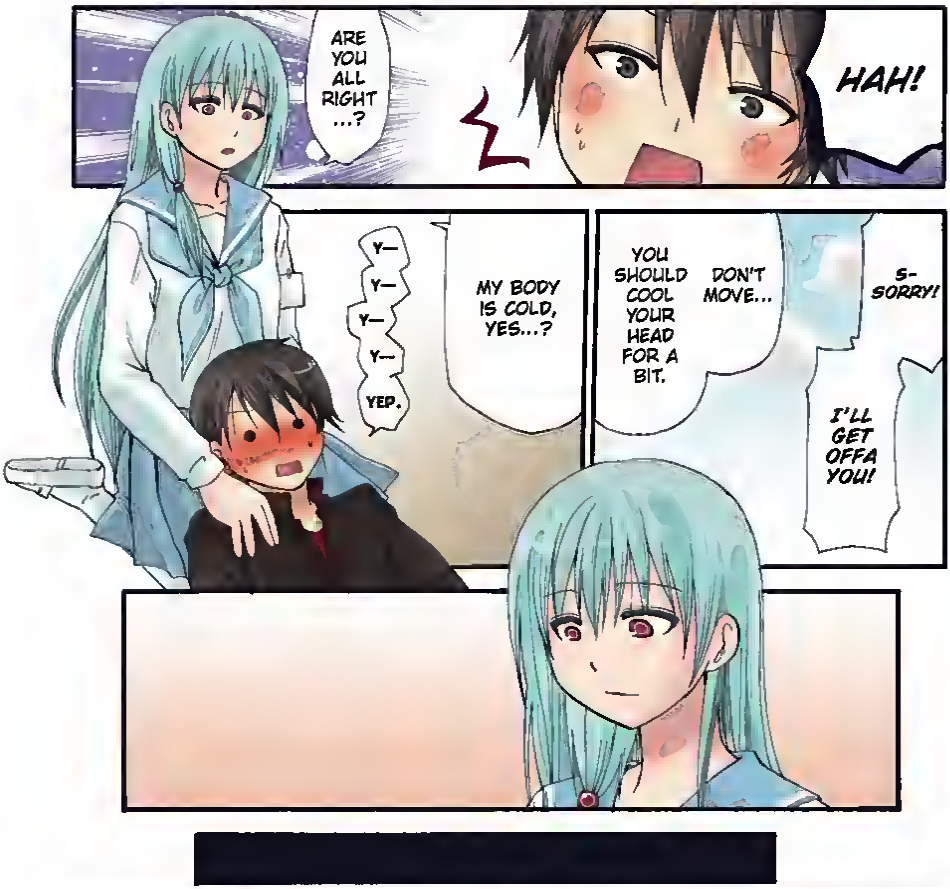
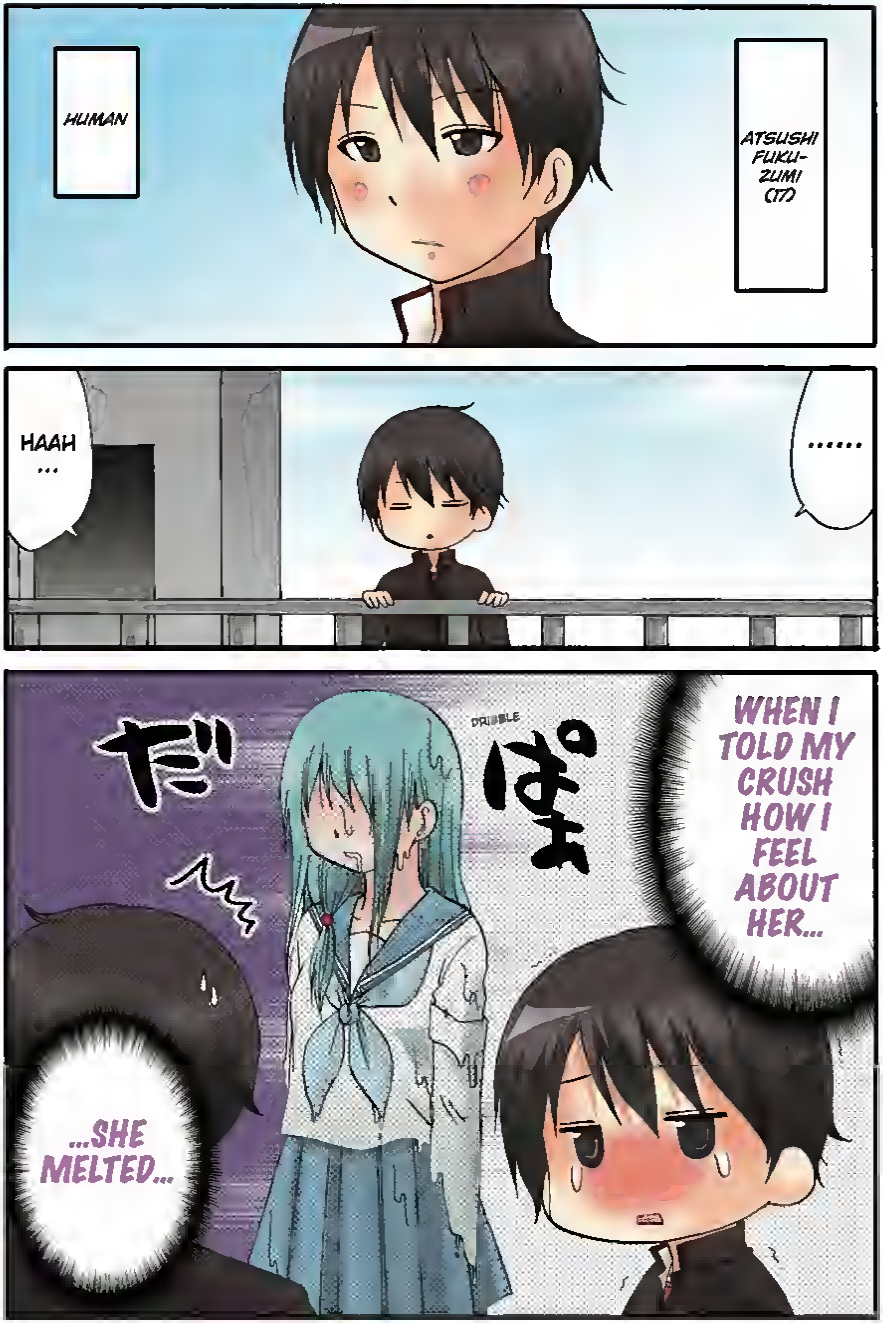

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ...?
HAH!
Y—
Y—
Y—
Y—
YEP.
MY BODY IS COLD, YES...?
YOU SHOULD COOL YOUR HEAD FOR A BIT.
DON'T MOVE...
S-SORRY!
I'LL GET OFFA YOU!

MY BAD!!
WHOA!
AHEM. SHIROISH WON'T BE WITH US TODAY BECAUSE HER HANDS AND LEGS MELTED.

My Monster Girl's Too Cool For You

SEASON : 3


HUMAN
ATSUSHI FUKU-ZUMI (17)
HAAH ...
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DRIBBLE
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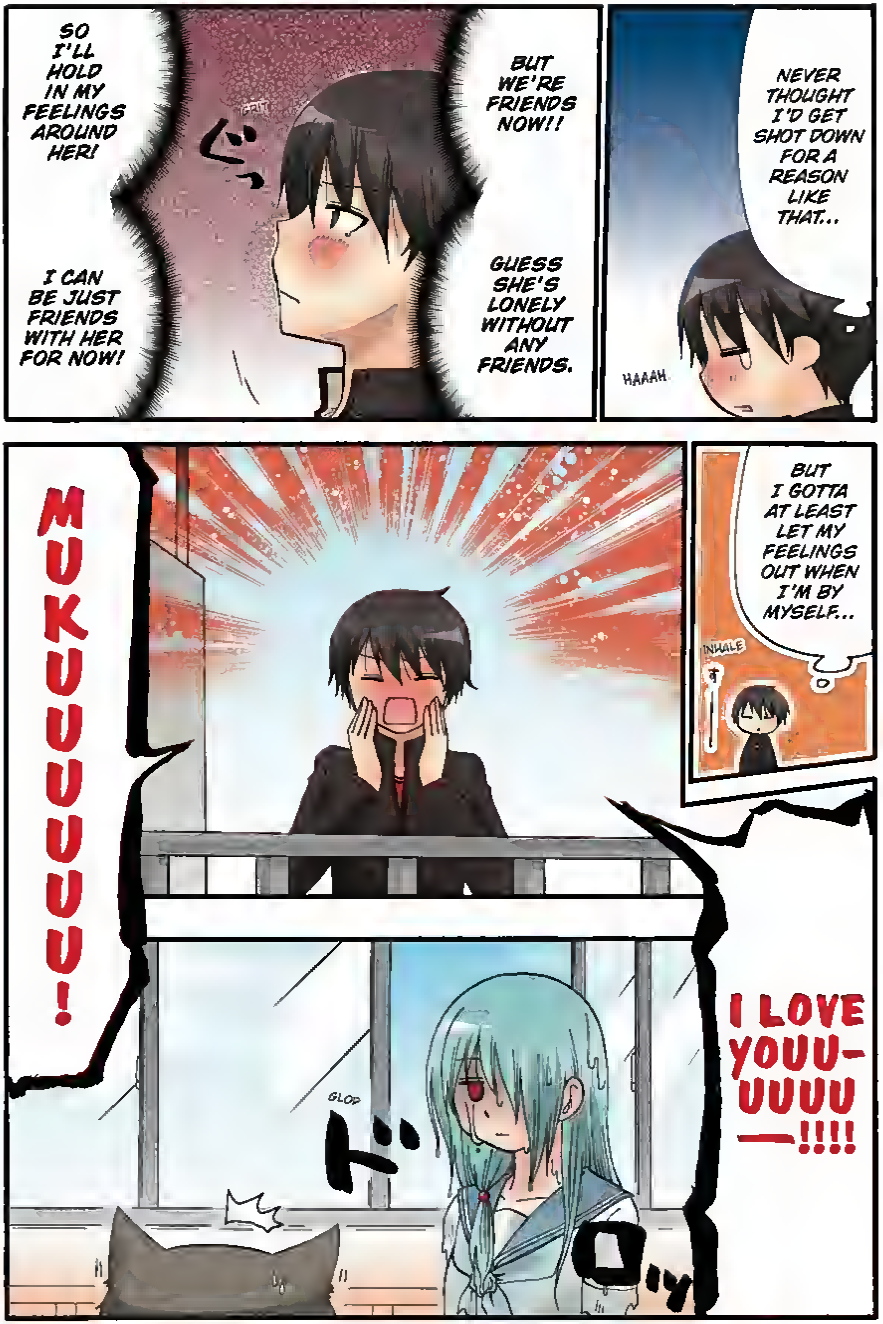
WHEN I TOLD MY CRUSH HOW I FEEL ABOUT HER...
...SHE MELTED...


SO I'LL HOLD IN MY FEELINGS AROUND HER!
I CAN BE JUST FRIENDS WITH HER FOR NOW!
BUT WE'RE FRIENDS NOW!!
GUESS SHE'S LONELY WITHOUT ANY FRIENDS.
NEVER THOUGHT I'D GET SHOT DOWN FOR A REASON LIKE THAT...
HAAAH
BUT I GOTTA AT LEAST LET MY FEELINGS OUT WHEN I'M BY MYSELF...
INHALE
MUKUUUUUU!
GLOP
I LOVE YOUU-UUUU—!!!!

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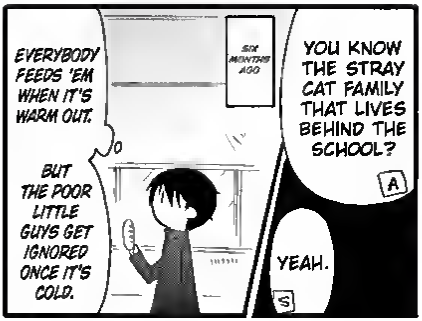
ERM
...
SWEAT
SWEAT
おろおろ
HUH!? ME? WHAT DID I DO?
I THINK SO...
DRIP
DRIP
Y-YO, SHIRO-ISHI. YOU GONNA BE OKAY THERE?
WHAAA—!!?
YOU GUYS HEARD THAT!?
YOU WENT AND SHOUTED FROM THE ROOF.
ATSU-SHI.
SLIDE
がらっ
REFRESHED
すっきり
I'M BACK, PEO-PLE!
THAT'S CRAZY EMBAR-RASS-ING!!
YIKES !!
BLUUUSH
YOU'RE MELT-ING!!
DRIP
DRIP
BWUH!? MUKU!?
THAT'S HAPPENING ALREADY!
TO SHIRO-ISHI!!
DRIP
DRIP
I COULD JUST MELT INTO A PUDDLE OF GOO!!
IT WAS YOU !!!!
WHO DID IT!? LEMME AT 'EM!!


EVERYBODY FEEDS 'EM WHEN IT'S WARM OUT.
BUT THE POOR LITTLE GUYS GET IGNORED ONCE IT'S COLD.
SIX MONTHS AGO
YOU KNOW THE STRAY CAT FAMILY THAT LIVES BEHIND THE SCHOOL?
A
YEAH.
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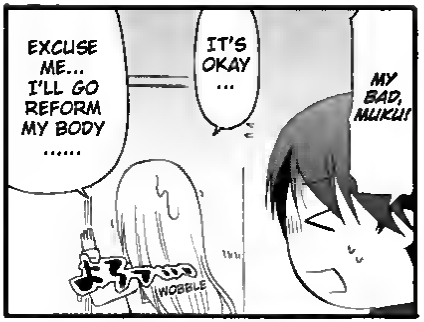
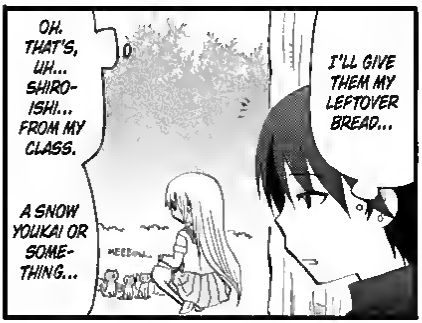
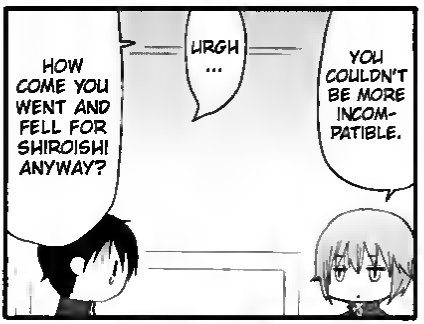
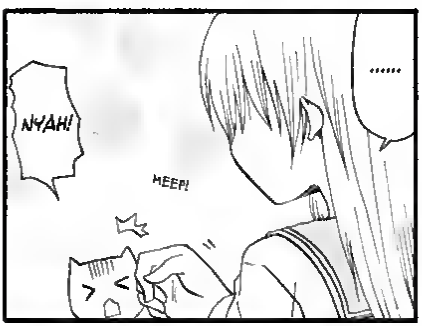

EXCUSE ME... I'LL GO REFORM MY BODY .....
IT'S OKAY ...
MY BAD, MUKU!!
WOBBLE


OH. THAT'S, UH... SHIRO-ISHI... FROM MY CLASS.
A SNOW YOUKAI OR SOME-THING...
I'LL GIVE THEM MY LEFTOVER BREAD...
HEEP...


HOW COME YOU WENT AND FELL FOR SHIROISHI ANYWAY?
URGH ...
YOU COULDN'T BE MORE INCOM-PATIBLE.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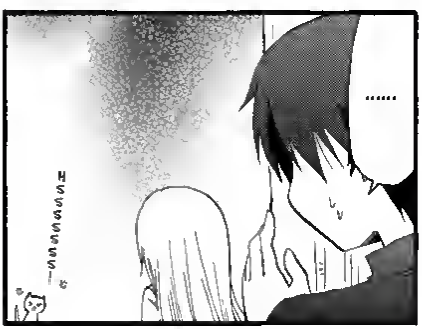
NYAH!
HEEP!

...HAS A THING FOR CATS.
..... MUKU ...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HUUUUUUU—

ORDI-NARY CATS !!
NOT YOU!!
..... SORRY, MAN.
CAT YOU-KAI →

SHFFLE
SHFFLE
SHE'S HERE!
THE DAY AFTER THAT
NO WAY WOULD SHE BE HERE AGAIN—
.....
SHE'S AT IT AGAIN TODAY...
MEOW
THE NEXT DAY
PSSSH
MEEEOW!
!?
A HOT WATER DISPENSER?
.....
RUSTLE
HEY, THAT'S CAT FOOD.
...EAT UP..
B-BEFORE IT FREEZES OVER...
MEEEOW!
MEEEOW!
MFF!
MFF!
ICY
FROZEN
SHE'S RISKING HER LIFE TO FEED THE KITTIES...
MEEEOW!
MEEEOW!
NOM NOM
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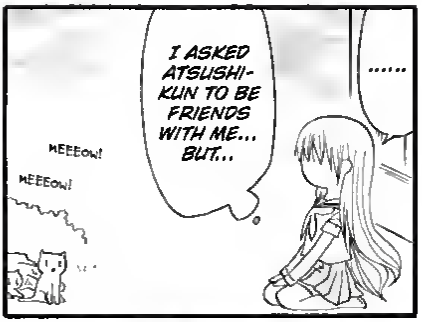
I ASKED ATSUSHI-KUN TO BE FRIENDS WITH ME... BUT...
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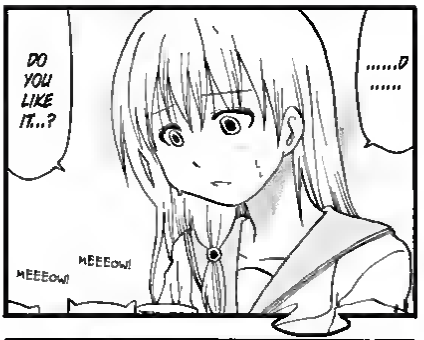
MEEEOW!
MEEEOW!


DO YOU LIKE IT...?
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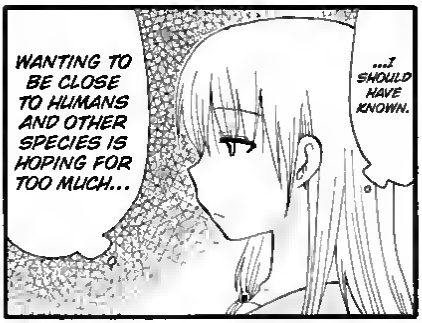
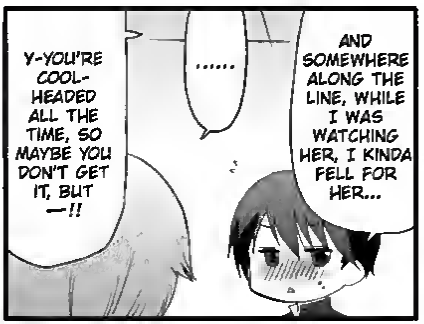
MEEEOW!
MEEEOW!


WANTING TO BE CLOSE TO HUMANS AND OTHER SPECIES IS HOPING FOR TOO MUCH...
...I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN.

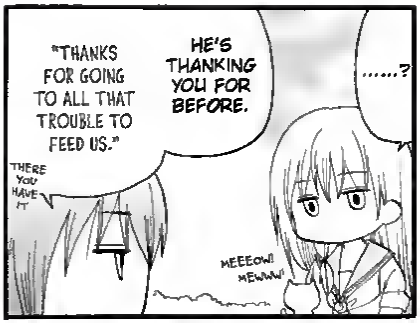
...BUT I WAS LIKE, "BOY, SHE SURE IS AWKWARD" .....
I DON'T MEAN TO JUDGE OR ANY-THING...

.....
.....
YOU TWO ...
THERE YOU ARE, MUKU!
ACK!


Y-YOU'RE COOL-HEADED ALL THE TIME, SO MAYBE YOU DON'T GET IT, BUT —!!
.....
AND SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE, WHILE I WAS WATCHING HER, I KINDA FELL FOR HER...

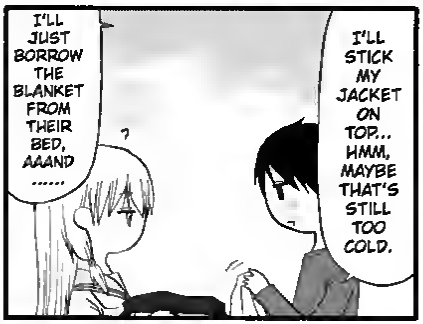
!!?
WHAP

I'M SO MOVED ...
OH YEAH! THEY'RE FAMILY AND ALL, HUH!!?
SHE MADE A GREAT SACRIFICE FOR THOSE KITTENS...

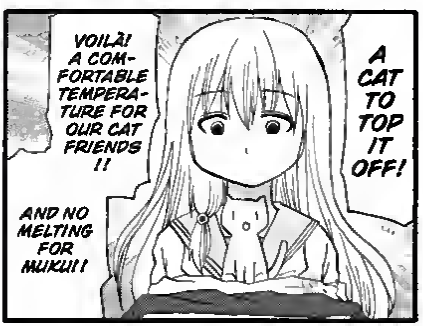

"THANKS FOR GOING TO ALL THAT TROUBLE TO FEED US."
HE'S THANKING YOU FOR BEFORE.
.....?
THERE YOU HAVE IT
MEEEOW! MEWW!

L-LIKE THIS?
UM...
HEY, MUKU, CAN YOU MAKE A SHEET OF ICE?
CLINK
YEAH!

I KNOW YOU CAN COEXIST WITH HUMANS AND ANIMALS JUST FINE, MUKU!!
SEE? ALL IT TAKES IS CREATIVITY AND A LITTLE EFFORT.


I'LL JUST BORROW THE BLANKET FROM THEIR BED, AAAND .....
I'LL STICK MY JACKET ON TOP... HMM, MAYBE THAT'S STILL TOO COLD.

THANKS, ATSUSHI-KUN.
LET'S DO THIS, MUKU!!
... OKAY.


VOILÀ! A COMFORTABLE TEMPERATURE FOR OUR CAT FRIENDS!!
A CAT TO TOP IT OFF!
AND NO MELTING FOR MUKU!!

ATSUSHI, YOU GOTTA PUT IN EFFORT TOO...TO KEEP THE HEAT DOWN.
BURN
ぼっ
MELT
だら

THAT'S A PRETTY PATHETIC RESULT FOR SIX MONTHS...
AW YEAH!
THIS MUKU- AND CAT-SAFE BRIDGE IS THE PRODUCT OF HALF A YEAR OF PLANNING!!

...U-UM...
.....
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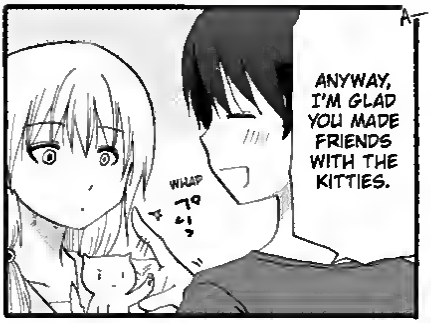
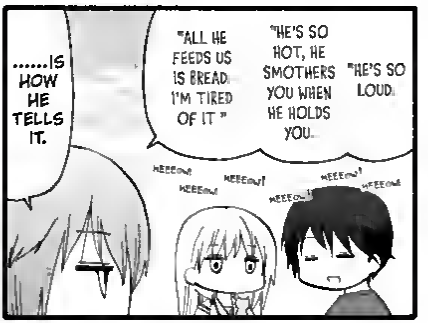

ANYWAY, I'M GLAD YOU MADE FRIENDS WITH THE KITTIES.
WHAP
A

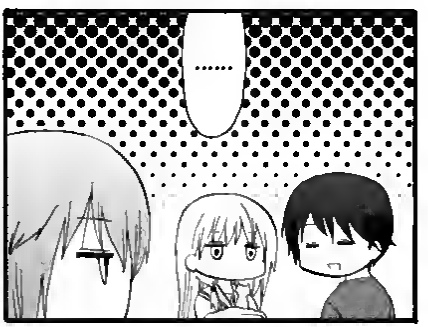
... ATSU-SHI-KUN.
CHEER UP...

.....I GIVE THEM BREAD ALL THE TIME. THEY'RE GOOD BUDDIES WITH ME TOO!
...NOT ACCORDING TO HIM.
MEEEOW!
MEEEOW!

PSSSH
BLUUUSH
SHE TOUCHED ME!


.....IS HOW HE TELLS IT.
"ALL HE FEEDS US IS BREAD. I'M TIRED OF IT"
"HE'S SO HOT, HE SMOTHERS YOU WHEN HE HOLDS YOU.
"HE'S SO LOUD.
MEEEOW!
MEEEOW!
MEEEOW!
MEEEOW!

THE ROAD TO COEXIS-TENCE IS GONNA BE A LONG ONE...
MEEEOW
U-UM..... IF YOU FRET OVER ME I'LL MELT EVEN MORE...
MUKU, YOU'RE MELT-ING!! YOU OKAY!?
AARGH!
HUH!?
UHH! UHH!
MEEEOW!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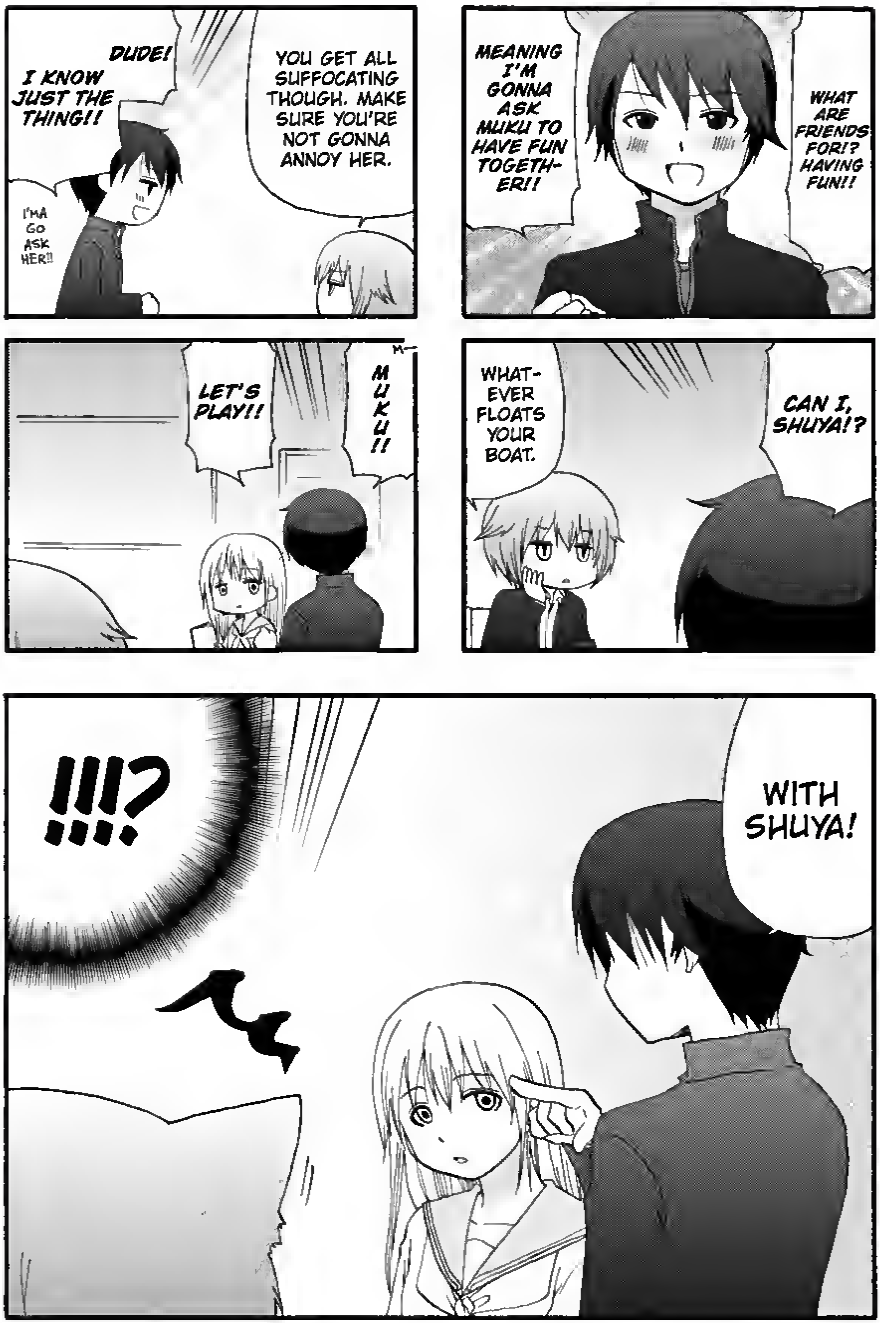
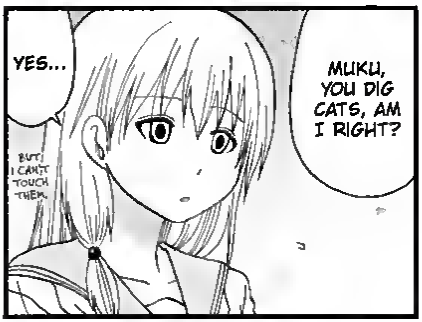
SEASON : 4


DUDE!
I KNOW JUST THE THING!!
I'MA GO ASK HER!!
YOU GET ALL SUFFOCATING THOUGH. MAKE SURE YOU'RE NOT GONNA ANNOY HER.
MEANING I'M GONNA ASK MUKU TO HAVE FUN TOGETHER!!
WHAT ARE FRIENDS FOR!? HAVING FUN!!
LET'S PLAY!!
MUKU!!
WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR BOAT.
CAN I, SHUYA!?
!!!?
WITH SHUYA!

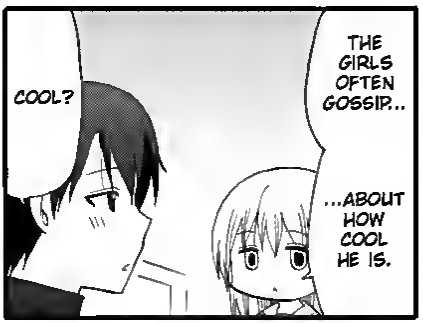
NO WORRIES! IT'S NOT GONNA BUG MUKU!
HEY. WHAT GIVES? YOU SAID PLAY "WITH" ME AS IN...

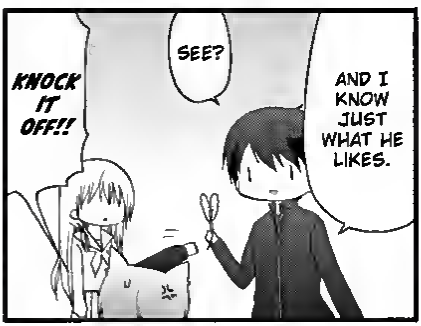
MUKU, ALLOW ME TO PROPERLY INTRO-DUCE...
...MY BUDDY, SHUYA MISONO.
HE'S A CAT YOUKAI.
POUUUT


MUKU, YOU DIG CATS, AM I RIGHT?
YES...
BUT I CAN'T TOUCH THEM.

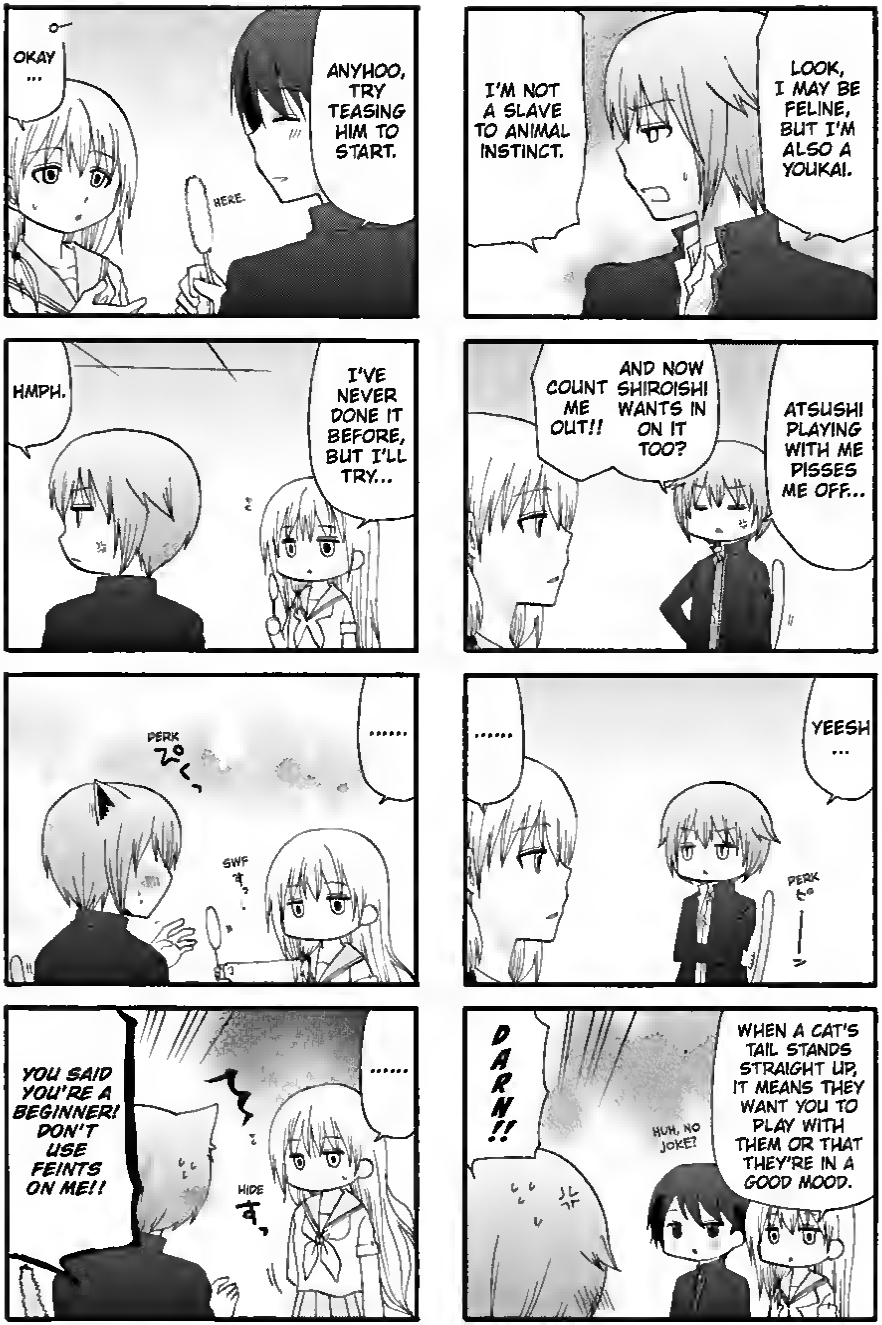
YES...I KNOW.
YEAH, I GUESS YOU WOULD 'COS WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS!

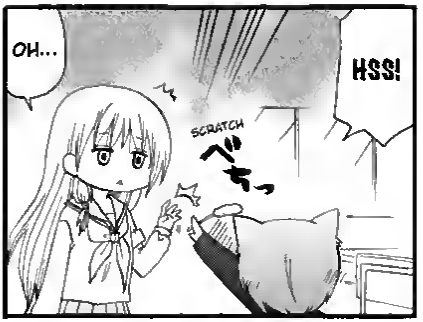
AND SHUYA IS, LIKE, A CAT YOUKAI, AM I RIGHT?


THE GIRLS OFTEN GOSSIP...
COOL?
...ABOUT HOW COOL HE IS.


SEE?
AND I KNOW JUST WHAT HE LIKES.
KNOCK IT OFF!!

I MEAN, IF I HAD TO SAY, HE'S MORE "CUTE" THAN "COOL"...
CUTE ...?


OKAY...
ANYHOO, TRY TEASING HIM TO START.
HERE.
I'M NOT A SLAVE TO ANIMAL INSTINCT.
LOOK, I MAY BE FELINE, BUT I'M ALSO A YOUKAI.
HMPH.
I'VE NEVER DONE IT BEFORE, BUT I'LL TRY...
COUNT ME OUT!!
AND NOW SHIROISHI WANTS IN ON IT TOO?
ATSUSHI PLAYING WITH ME PISSES ME OFF...
PERK
SWF
.....
.....
YEESH...
PERK
YOU SAID YOU'RE A BEGINNER! DON'T USE FEINTS ON ME!!
HIDE
.....
DARN!!
HUH, NO JOKE?
WHEN A CAT'S TAIL STANDS STRAIGHT UP, IT MEANS THEY WANT YOU TO PLAY WITH THEM OR THAT THEY'RE IN A GOOD MOOD.


OH...
HSS!
SCRATCH
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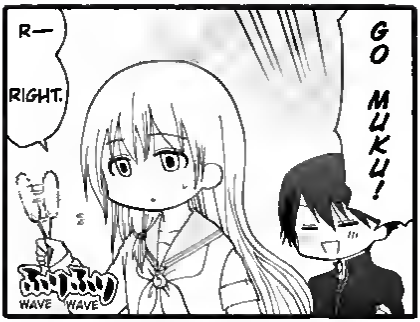
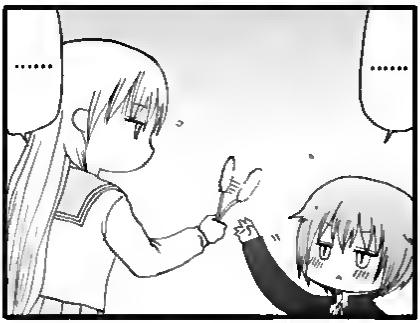

R—
RIGHT.
GO MUKU!
WAVE WAVE

HE ONLY GRAZED MY HAND .....
I'M ALL RIGHT.
MUKU! YOU OKAY !?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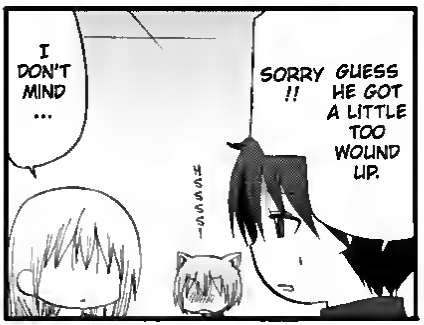
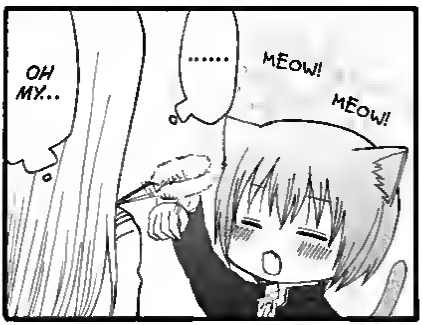
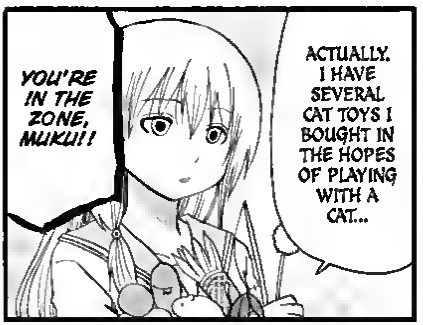
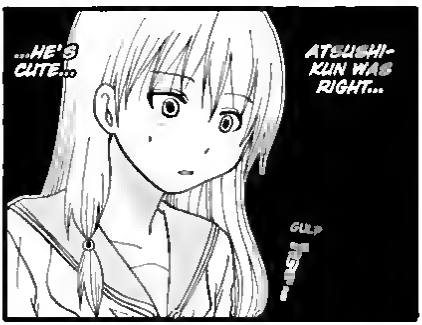

I DON'T MIND ...
SORRY !!
GUESS HE GOT A LITTLE TOO WOUND UP.
HSSSS~

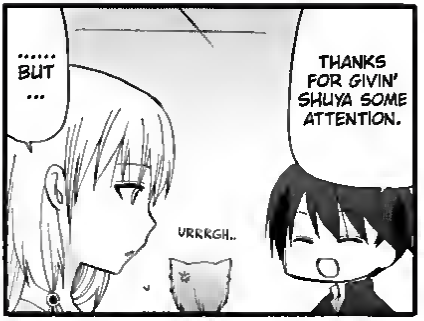

OH MY..
.....
MEOW!
MEOW!


YOU'RE IN THE ZONE, MUKU!!
ACTUALLY. I HAVE SEVERAL CAT TOYS I BOUGHT IN THE HOPES OF PLAYING WITH A CAT...

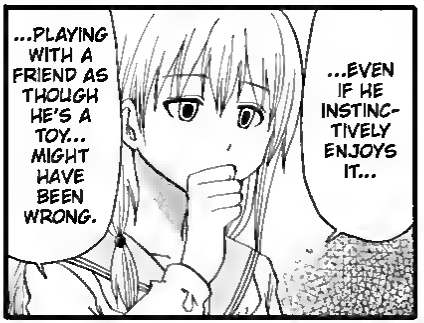

...HE'S CUTE...
ATSUSHI-KUN WAS RIGHT...
GULP

YES.
DIDJA HAVE FUN, MUKU?
TOSSSSS
MEOOO
OOOW!
NIICE!
ME TOO! IT WAS LOADS OF FUN TO WATCH!!
PLUS ...
WHAP
WHAP
AWESOME!
I DID NOT HAVE FUN!!
EVERY-BODY WINS!!
...SHUYA LOOKED LIKE HE HAD FUN PLAYING WITH YOU TOO.
... HAPPY ...?
WHO KNEW THAT PLAYING WITH A CAT COULD MAKE ONE SO...
DARRRNIT!!
...HE'S IN A GOOD MOOD!!
WHEN A CAT'S TAIL STANDS UP RAMROD STRAIGHT ...
YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT I'M HUMIL-IATED AND REAL UNHAPPY HERE.
HFF!
HFF!
IF YOU'RE HAPPY, THEN I AM TOO!!

KEH!
THANKS, SHUYA.
AW MAN, I'M SO GLAD I GOT TO HANG WITH MUKU AS A FRIEND.
FRIENDS, FRIENDS, FRIENDS!


.....BUT...
THANKS FOR GIVIN' SHUYA SOME ATTENTION.
URRRGH..

YOU COULD END UP "JUST A FRIEND" FOR LIFE, BRO!!
TURNING A GUY DOWN BY SAYING "LET'S JUST BE FRIENDS" IS A TOTAL CLICHÉ!!


...PLAYING WITH A FRIEND AS THOUGH HE'S A TOY... MIGHT HAVE BEEN WRONG.
...EVEN IF HE INSTINCTIVELY ENJOYS IT...

EVEN ATSUSHI WOULD HAVE TO REALIZE THAT MUCH... BUT HE'S TRYING TO HOLD IN HIS FEELINGS FOR HER SAKE...
...MY BAD.
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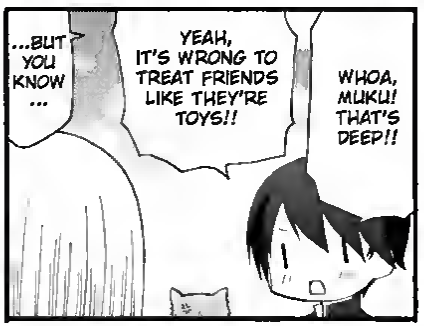
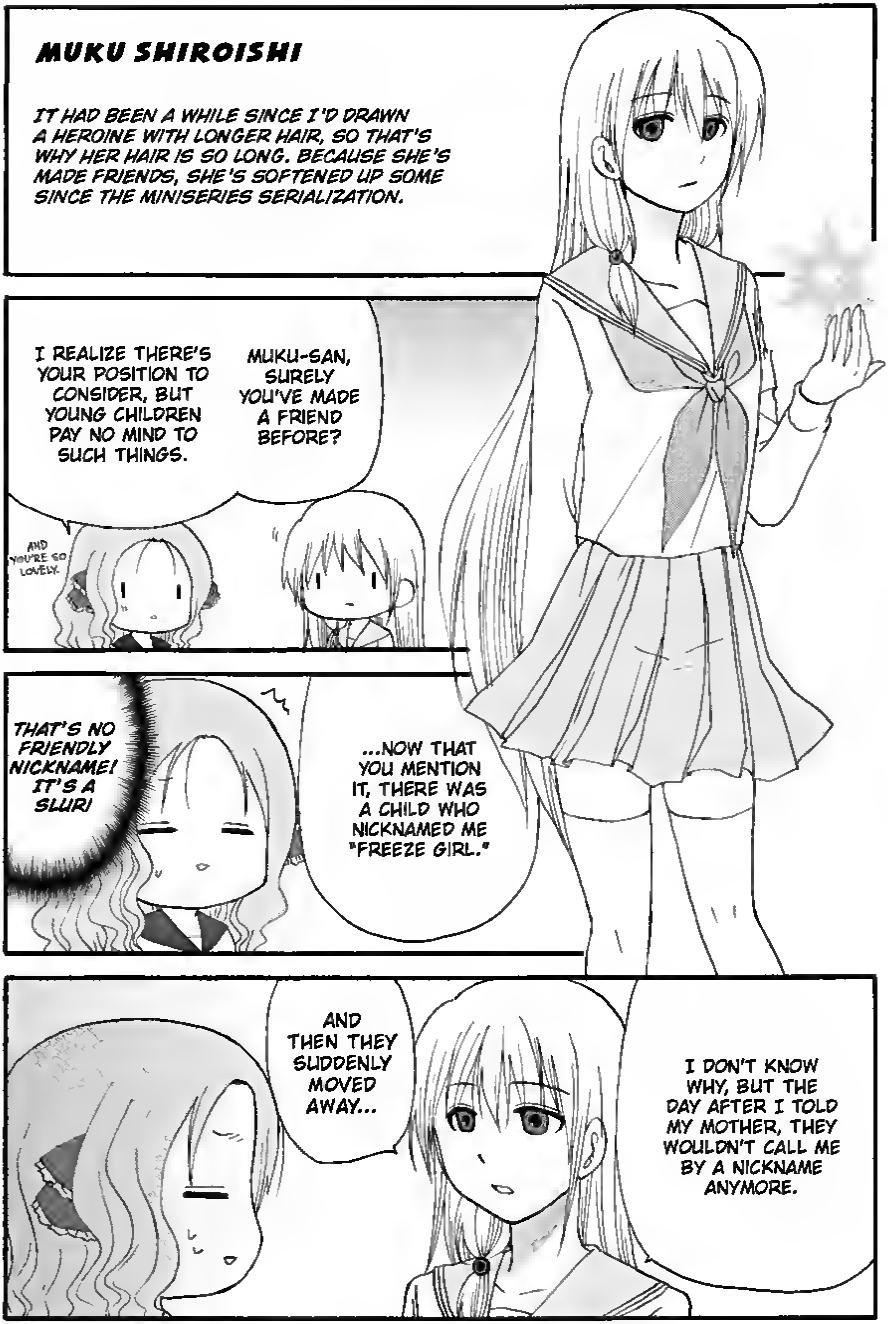

...BUT YOU KNOW...
YEAH, IT'S WRONG TO TREAT FRIENDS LIKE THEY'RE TOYS!!
WHOA, MUKU! THAT'S DEEP!!

YOU DIDN'T REALIZE THAT!?

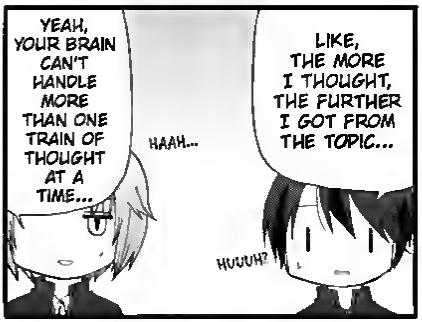
I SEE I'M NOT THE ONLY YOUKAI WITH PROBLEMS...
LIKE HIS STRESS PILES UP.
SHUYA GETS MAD IF YOU DON'T PLAY WITH HIM ENOUGH TOO
HSSSSS!

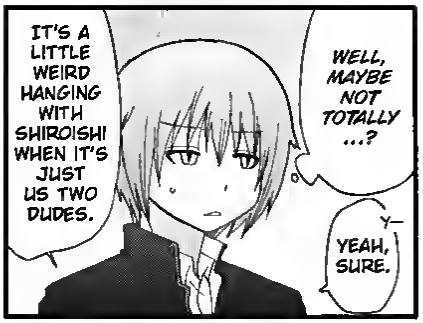
ATSUSHI FUKUZUMI
I DECIDED ON AN OVERLY HYPERACTIVE AND CHEERFUL MAIN CHARACTER, A TYPE OF CHARACTER THAT DOESN'T SHOW UP MUCH IN MY MANGA. ALTHOUGH HIS DENSENESS IS NOTHING NEW...
I WENT FOR A DESIGN THAT RED WOULD GO WELL WITH.
MUKU!
I'M SORRY.
I END UP LIKE THIS EVERY TIME YOU SPEAK TO ME...IT MUST BE SO OFF-PUTTING TO YOU...
REFREEZING
I GUESS I'M PRETTY LOUD!
WHAT .....?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT! AVERAGE HUMANS DON'T MAKE IT OUT UNSCATHED WHEN I TALK EITHER!
I WANT TO PAT HIM, BUT I CAN'T TOUCH HIM.
SOMETIMES THE GIRLS IN CLASS SAY THAT WHEN I TALK, THEIR EARS RING, AND THEY GET HEADACHES, AND I'M MAJORLY CONTRIBUTING TO NOISE POLLUTION!


MUKU SHIROISHI
IT HAD BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'D DRAWN A HEROINE WITH LONGER HAIR, SO THAT'S WHY HER HAIR IS SO LONG. BECAUSE SHE'S MADE FRIENDS, SHE'S SOFTENED UP SOME SINCE THE MINISERIES SERIALIZATION.
MUKU-SAN, SURELY YOU'VE MADE A FRIEND BEFORE?
I REALIZE THERE'S YOUR POSITION TO CONSIDER, BUT YOUNG CHILDREN PAY NO MIND TO SUCH THINGS.
AND YOU'RE SO LOVELY.
...NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, THERE WAS A CHILD WHO NICKNAMED ME "FREEZE GIRL."
THAT'S NO FRIENDLY NICKNAME! IT'S A SLUR!
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT THE DAY AFTER I TOLD MY MOTHER, THEY WOULDN'T CALL ME BY A NICKNAME ANYMORE.
AND THEN THEY SUDDENLY MOVED AWAY...

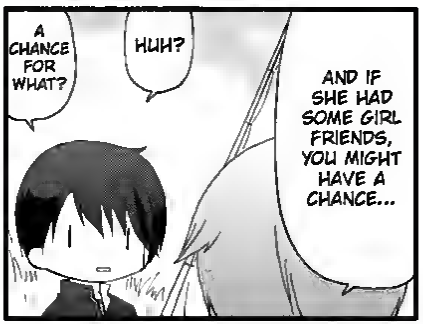
SEASON : 5

GUESS HE WANTS TO BE HER BOYFRIEND AFTER ALL.....
YOU COULD END UP "JUST A FRIEND" FOR LIFE, BRO!!
IS IT 'COS OF WHAT I SAID...?
Y—
YEAH?
SO I'VE BEEN THINKING .....
..... SHUYA.
ATSUSHI'S BEEN LOST IN THOUGHT FOR A WHILE NOW.....
DAZED
I WAS TOTALLY OFF.
MUKU NEEDS SOME GIRL FRIENDS, DOESN'T SHE!!?

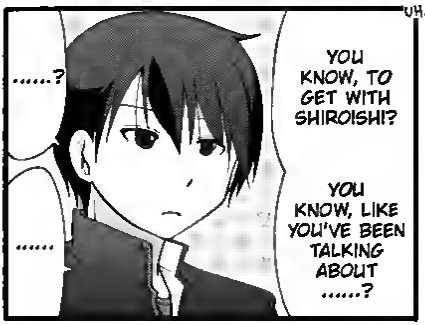

YEAH, YOUR BRAIN CAN'T HANDLE MORE THAN ONE TRAIN OF THOUGHT AT A TIME...
HAAH...
LIKE, THE MORE I THOUGHT, THE FURTHER I GOT FROM THE TOPIC...
HUUUH?


IT'S A LITTLE WEIRD HANGING WITH SHIROISHI WHEN IT'S JUST US TWO DUDES.
WELL, MAYBE NOT TOTALLY ...?
Y—
YEAH, SURE.

AND AT SOME POINT, I ENDED UP THINKING ABOUT MUKU'S GIRL FRIENDS .....
I WAS THINKING I WANT TO START AS FRIENDS BUT END UP WITH HER AS MY GIRL-FRIEND.


A CHANCE FOR WHAT?
HUH?
AND IF SHE HAD SOME GIRL FRIENDS, YOU MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE...

ATSU SHI-KUN.
MI-SONO-KUN.
POP
SHIIT
HMM...

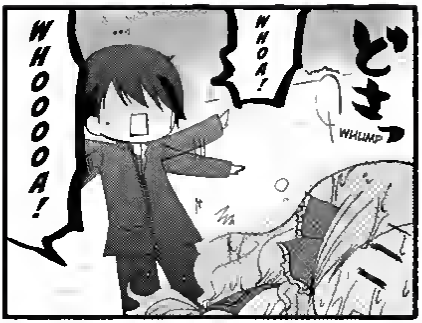

.....?
.....
YOU KNOW, TO GET WITH SHIROISHI?
YOU KNOW, LIKE YOU'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT .....?
UH...

AAAND HE'S GOT THE MEMORY OF A GOLD-FISH.
MUKU!!
GLOW

HOW DUMB ARE YOU!?
OH YEAH! THAT'S TOTALLY WHAT I WAS THINKING ABOUT AT FIRST!!

YES..... THANK YOU.
WELL, HEY, YOU'VE GOT ME!
ARE YOU... FISHING?
YUPPERS! WE WERE HANGING OUT ANYWAY!
SHUYA'S GOT A BIG FAMILY, SO WE'RE CATCHIN' DINNER!
WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO WHEN YOU HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS, MUKU?
...I DON'T KNOW ...
I'VE NEVER HAD ANY FRIENDS TO HANG OUT WITH BEFORE...
...."FRIENDS" IS ALREADY PLURAL, SO THE MORE THE MERRIER...
BUT HOW DO YOU MAKE FRIENDS WITH GIRLS?
OH! I GOT A BITE!
I'D LIKE TO HAVE SOME GIRL FRIENDS, BUT I MELT FROM WARMTH REGARDLESS OF WHICH GENDER IT'S FROM.....
MY BODY ITSELF IS TOO COLD TOO.
YANK
SPLOOSH
I COULD ONLY BE FRIENDS WITH SOMEONE WILLING TO PUT THEIR LIFE ON THE LINE FOR ME.....
THAT'S STARTING OFF IN THE BFF ZONE!
!!!?

KOFF!
MY NAME IS MANA KIKUSUI.
I'M A FISH YOUKAI .....
KOFF!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE RESCUE .....
KOFF!


WHOOOOA!
WHOA!
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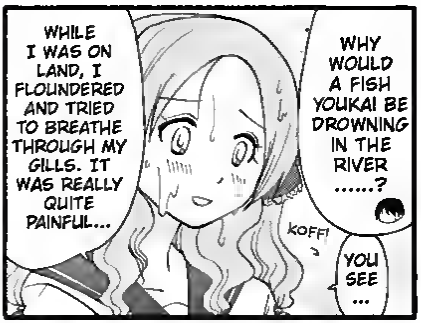
WHUMP


WHILE I WAS ON LAND, I FLOUNDERED AND TRIED TO BREATHE THROUGH MY GILLS. IT WAS REALLY QUITE PAINFUL...
WHY WOULD A FISH YOUKAI BE DROWNING IN THE RIVER .....?
KOFF!
YOU SEE ...

CALL THE COPS !!?
TAKE ANOTHER LOOK, ATSUSHI-KUN.
C-CALL AN AMBU-LANCE !?
A-A BODY !!
NO. LOOK AT HER LEGS.

M-HM! M-HM!
SO I PANICKED AND DOVE INTO THE RIVER SO THAT I COULD BREATHE AGAIN.

WHOA!
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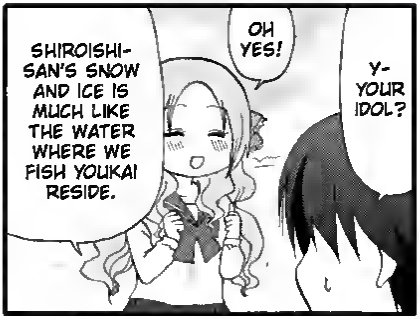
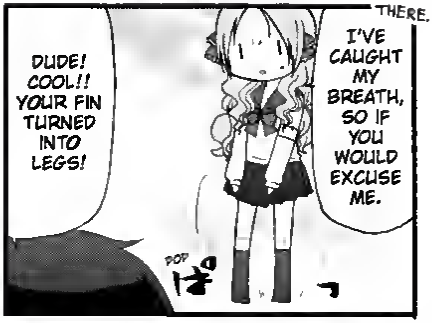
SHE'S GOT YOUKAI WORLD PROBLEMS TOO.....
HFF!
ONLY THEN, I MISTAKENLY BREATHED WATER INTO MY LUNGS.....
HFF!

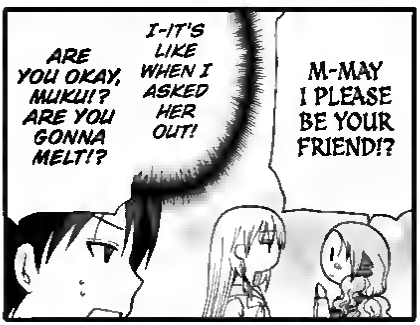
A FISH TAIL .....!!?

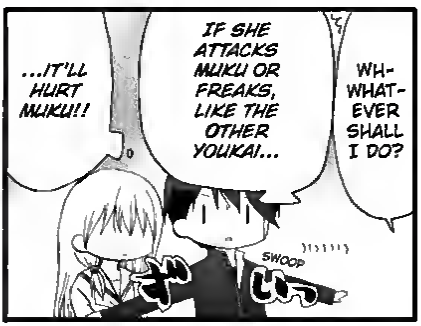

SHIROISHI-SAN'S SNOW AND ICE IS MUCH LIKE THE WATER WHERE WE FISH YOUKAI RESIDE.
OH YES!
Y-YOUR IDOL?


DUDE! COOL!! YOUR FIN TURNED INTO LEGS!
POP
I'VE CAUGHT MY BREATH, SO IF YOU WOULD EXCUSE ME.
THERE.

BECAUSE SHE IS A SIMILAR SPECIES AND EVER SO STRONG, I LOOK UP TO SHIROISHI-SAN VERY MUCH.
I WAS BORN IN COLD NORTHERN WATERS.

...MUKU SHIRO-ISHI-SAN!
OH!
YOU'RE ...


ARE YOU OKAY, MUKU!? ARE YOU GONNA MELT!?
I-IT'S LIKE WHEN I ASKED HER OUT!
M-MAY I PLEASE BE YOUR FRIEND!?


...IT'LL HURT MUKU!!
IF SHE ATTACKS MUKU OR FREAKS, LIKE THE OTHER YOUKAI...
WH-WHAT-EVER SHALL I DO?
SWOOP

JUST BARELY STAYING OUT OF HOT WATER!
KRONSCH
IT'S OKAY... I'M ONLY HALF-THAWING.
KRONSCH

!!?
MY IDOL IS RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES!!

OH MAN. I'M STILL A LITTLE LOST...
I'M IN THE CLASS NEXT TO YOURS!
...BUT BOY, AM I GLAD WE CAUGHT MUKU A FRIEND!
Y—
YES ...
UM ...
MAYBE YOU COULD BE FRIENDS!?
YOU SEEM KINDA COMPATIBLE!
THE BOYFRIEND STUFF... EH, FORGET THAT FOR NOW!!
I'M HAVING LOADS OF FUN LIKE THIS!
AND IF MUKU GETS ON GOOD TERMS WITH A LOTTA PEOPLE...
.....?
IF YOU'RE OKAY WITH ME.....
BE MY FRIEND .....
PRESS
SHUYA? YOU HAVEN'T SAID A WORD SINCE WE CAUGHT KIKUSUI-SA—
WHOA, WHAT'S WRONG!? YOU'RE BEET RED!
D-DUDE, DON'T TELL ME...
YOU FELL FOR KIKUSUI-SAN AT FIRST SIGHT.....!?
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
FISH... LOOKS GOOD..... GOTTA EAT.....
SO BEGAN ANOTHER RELATIONSHIP WITH LIVES ON THE LINE.
I'M HALF-FROZEN!
THEY'RE BOTH ON THIN ICE!!!!

SEASON : 6

SLUMP
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OOF!
NO HARM DONE.
GLIB
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SORRY, MUKU!!
YOU OKAY!?
YO, ATSUSHI. QUIT MAKING IT INTO A BIG DEAL.
WORRY
おろ
IT HURT, DIDN'T IT? DID I BREAK ANYTHING!?
I'M SUPER-SORRY! I WASN'T LOOKING!
WORRY
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MUKUUU!!!!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.
GLOP
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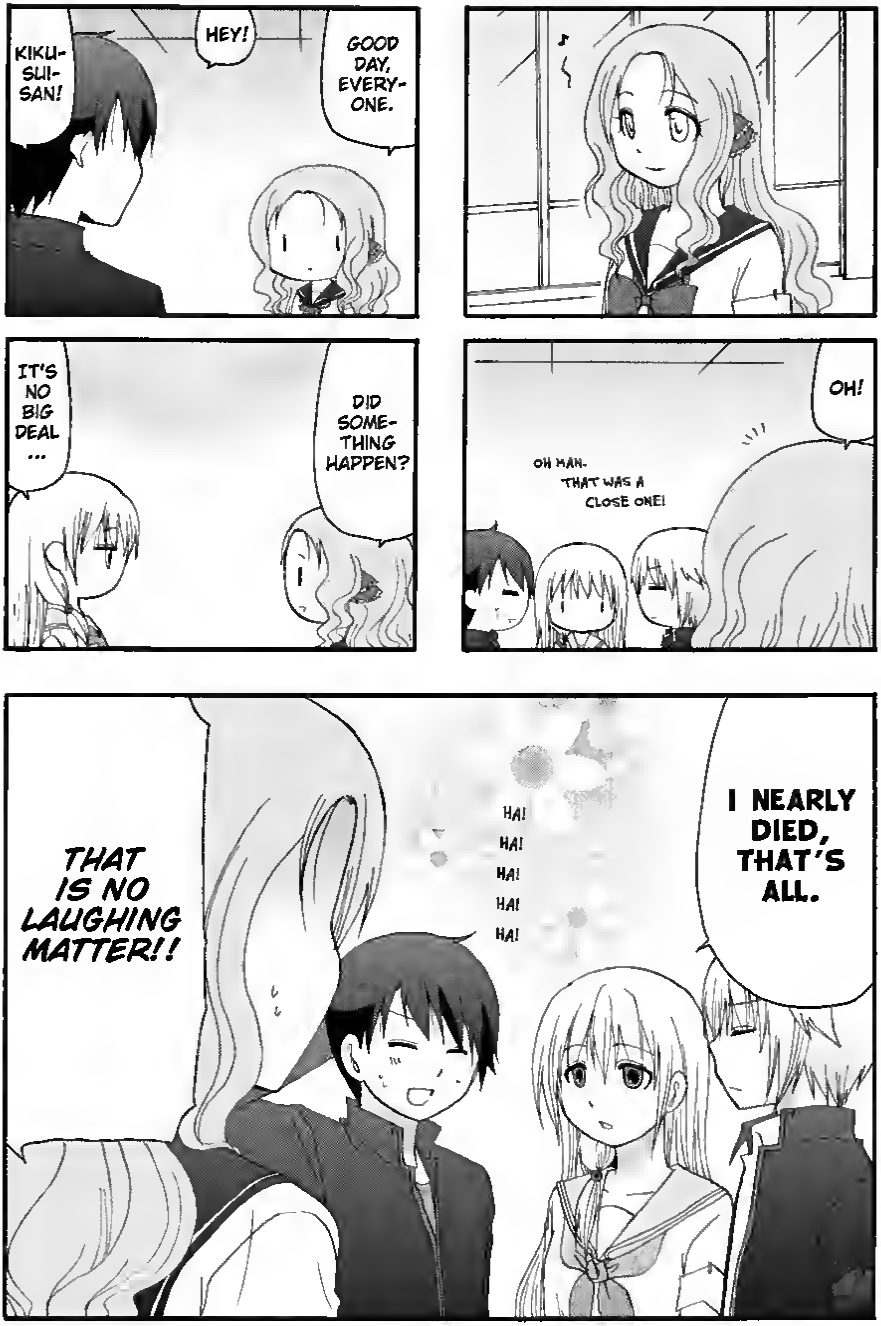
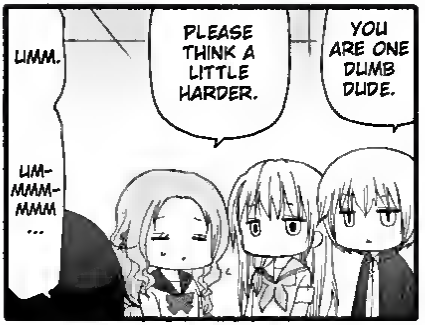
YOU'RE MELTING HER.

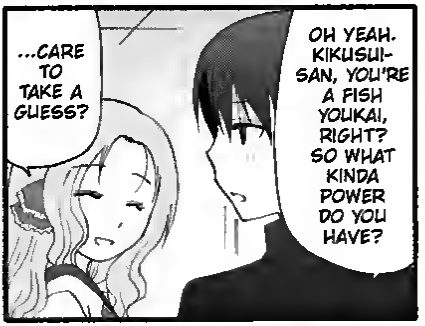
My Monster Girl's Too Cool For You


KIKU-SUI-SAN!
HEY!
GOOD DAY, EVERY-ONE.
IT'S NO BIG DEAL ...
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?
OH MAN. THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE!
OH!
THAT IS NO LAUGHING MATTER!!
HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!
I NEARLY DIED, THAT'S ALL.

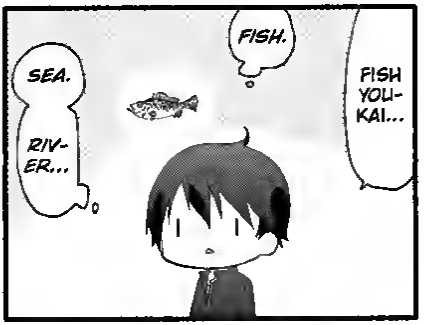

UMM.
UM-MMM-MMM...
PLEASE THINK A LITTLE HARDER.
YOU ARE ONE DUMB DUDE.

I'M SO ASHAMED..
I WONDER IF IT'S WORSE WITH HUMANS BECAUSE OF THE SPECIES GAP?
MELTING WHENEVER SOMEONE TREATS YOU WARMLY...HOW TRAGIC.

THAT'S EVEN SIMPLER THAN YOUR FIRST GUESS!!
YOU SHOOT FISH!!


...CARE TO TAKE A GUESS?
OH YEAH. KIKUSUI-SAN, YOU'RE A FISH YOUKAI, RIGHT? SO WHAT KINDA POWER DO YOU HAVE?

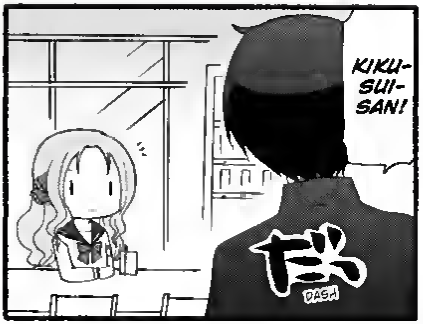
I CER-TAINLY DO NOT!!
YOU SHOOT FISH!?

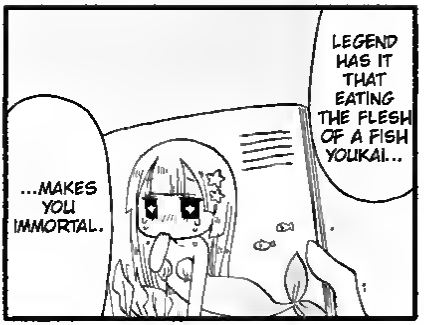

SEA.
RIV-ER...
FISH.
FISH YOU-KAI...

MUKU-SAN, IT'S OKAY TO BE CON-SIDERATE AND NOT STOOP TO THEIR LEVEL, ALL RIGHT !?
P-PLEASE GIVE THE POOR THING SOME FISH...

THAT'S FAR TOO SIMPLE!!
YOU CAN SHOOT WATER !!

...HOW 'BOUT YOU LOOK IT UP?
SO WHY DON'T THEY LIKE HUMANS?
WE TICKED HER OFF...
FIGURE IT OUT FOR YOUR-SELF!
HMPH! WHY, I NEVER!
.....
LIBRARY
COM-PLI-CAT-ED?
EH, FISH YOUKAI ARE COMPLICATED.
...YOU GET IT NOW?
QUIET IN THE BRARY
OH NO...
THERE ARE YOUKAI WHO DON'T LIKE US...?
THEIR SPECIES... HAS A BAD IMPRESSION OF HUMANS ...
SHIROISHI, BRING HIM A PICTURE BOOK.
BUT THIS IS A HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY...
THIS IS WAY ABOVE MY READING LEVEL.
QUIT IT!!
I WAS SURE THAT ALL YOUKAI WERE AS ATTACHED TO HUMANS AS SHUYA HERE...


KIKU-SUI-SAN!
DASH


LEGEND HAS IT THAT EATING THE FLESH OF A FISH YOUKAI...
...MAKES YOU IMMORTAL.

OH!
HFF!
'KAY.
HERE, DRINK THIS.
WHY SO OUT OF BREATH?
HFF!
THANKS~

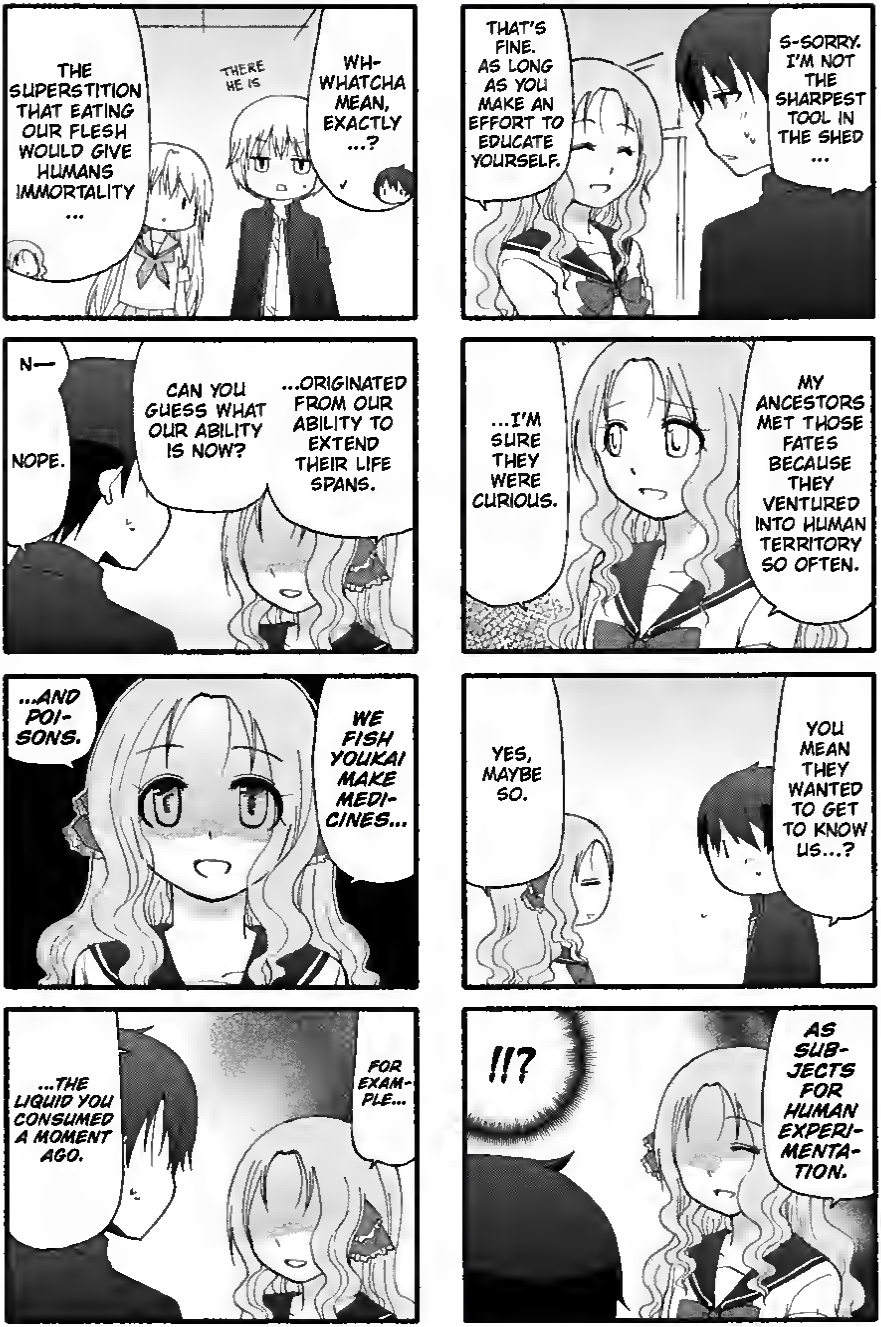
WE KNOW.
THIS BOOK SAYS THAT HORRIBLE THINGS HAPPENED TO THEM LONG, LONG AGO!!

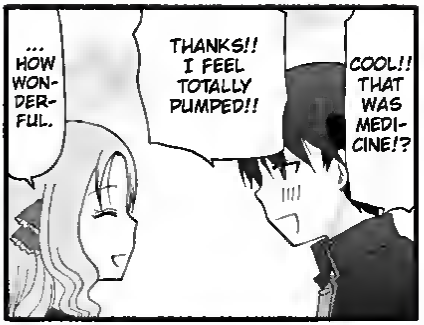
HUMANS HAVE DONE ALL THESE AWFUL THINGS!
EH?
GULP ごく ごく GULP
...I-I FEEL LIKE...I SHOULD SAY SORRY!!

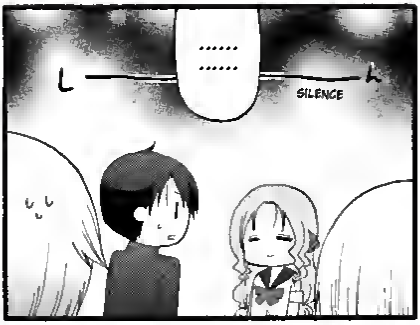
WE KNOW.
THIS PART SAYS THAT THE FISH YOUKAI WHO FELL IN LOVE WITH HUMANS HAD AWFUL THINGS HAPPEN TO THEM AND STUFF!!

I HOPE YOU DON'T THINK YOU KNOW THE WHOLE PICTURE FROM READING A PICTURE BOOK.
I READ ALL ABOUT IT!
THE LITTLE FISH

NOPE, HU-MANS.
WHAT WERE THESE GUYS?! DEMONS!?


THE SUPERSTITION THAT EATING OUR FLESH WOULD GIVE HUMANS IMMORTALITY ...
THERE HE IS
WH-WHATCHA MEAN, EXACTLY ...?
THAT'S FINE. AS LONG AS YOU MAKE AN EFFORT TO EDUCATE YOURSELF.
S-SORRY. I'M NOT THE SHARPEST TOOL IN THE SHED ...
N—
NOPE.
CAN YOU GUESS WHAT OUR ABILITY IS NOW?
...ORIGINATED FROM OUR ABILITY TO EXTEND THEIR LIFE SPANS.
...I'M SURE THEY WERE CURIOUS.
MY ANCESTORS MET THOSE FATES BECAUSE THEY VENTURED INTO HUMAN TERRITORY SO OFTEN.
...AND POI-SONS.
WE FISH YOUKAI MAKE MEDI-CINES...
YES, MAYBE SO.
YOU MEAN THEY WANTED TO GET TO KNOW US...?
...THE LIQUID YOU CONSUMED A MOMENT AGO.
FOR EXAM-PLE...
!!?
AS SUB-JECTS FOR HUMAN EXPERI-MENTA-TION.


... HOW WONDERFUL.
THANKS!! I FEEL TOTALLY PUMPED!!
COOL!! THAT WAS MEDICINE!?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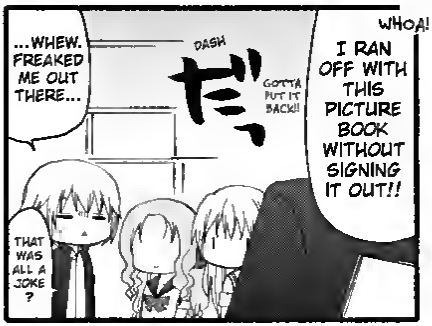
SILENCE


...WHEW. FREAKED ME OUT THERE...
DASH
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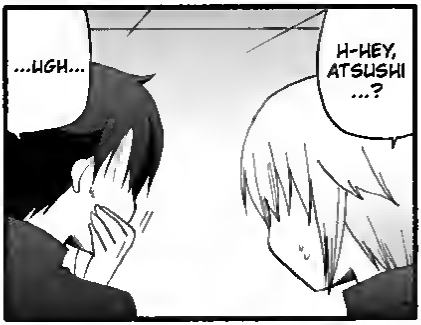
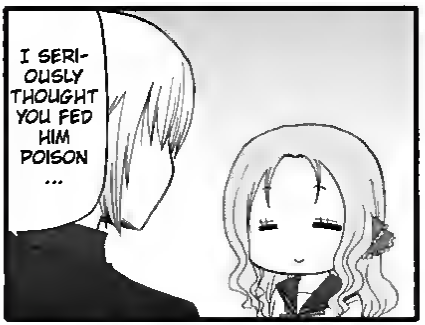
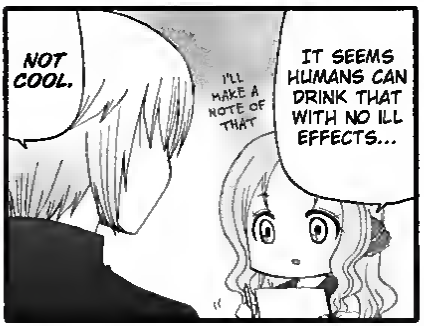
GOTTA PUT IT BACK!!
WHOA!
I RAN OFF WITH THIS PICTURE BOOK WITHOUT SIGNING IT OUT!!
THAT WAS ALL A JOKE ?


...UGH...
H-HEY, ATSUSHI ...?

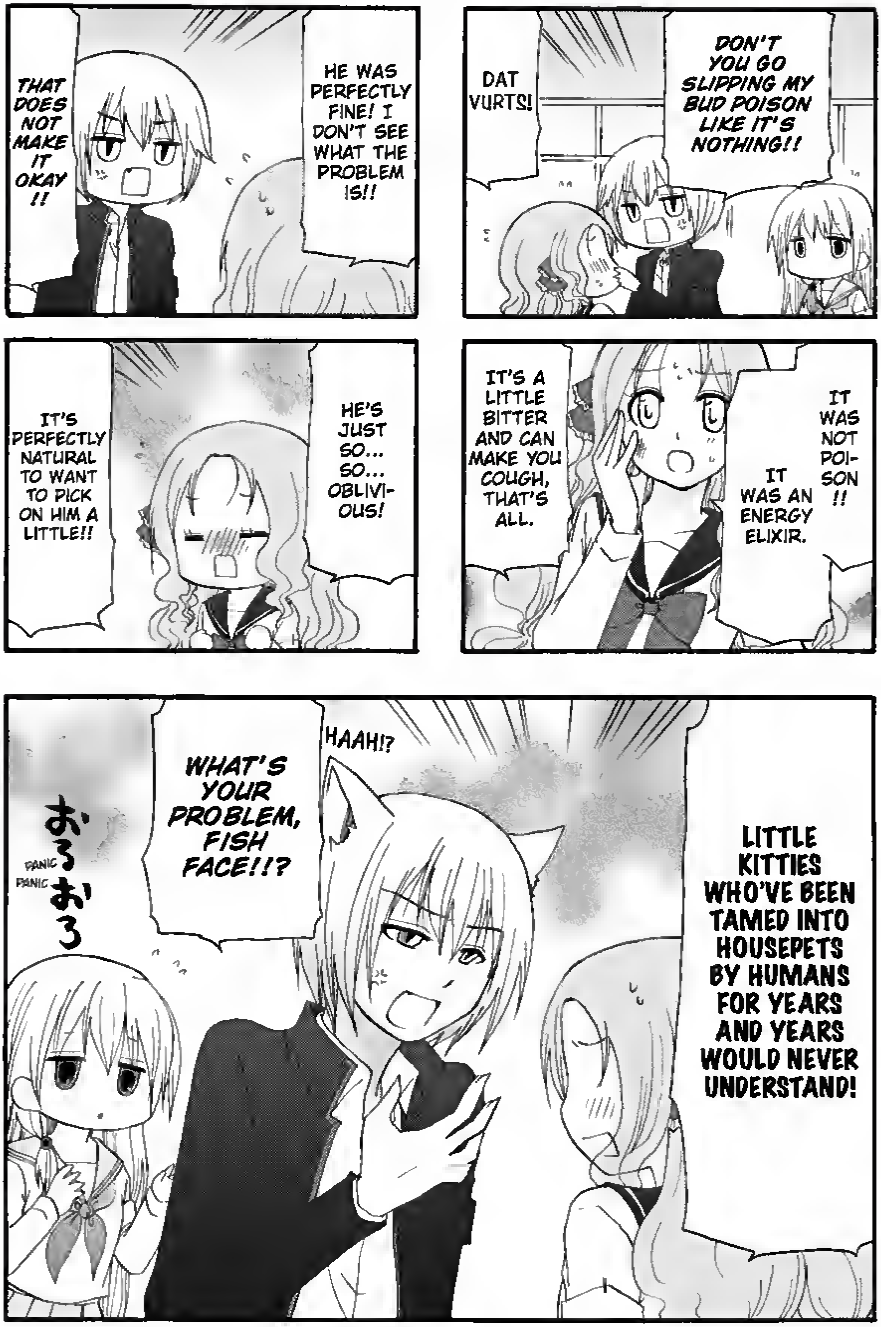

I SERIOUSLY THOUGHT YOU FED HIM POISON ...

TH-THAT MUST BE WHY ...
...I FEEL SO... SO...


NOT COOL.
I'LL MAKE A NOTE OF THAT
IT SEEMS HUMANS CAN DRINK THAT WITH NO ILL EFFECTS...

...MUCH BETTER THAN BEFORE!!

SEASON : 7


THAT DOES NOT MAKE IT OKAY !!
HE WAS PERFECTLY FINE! I DON'T SEE WHAT THE PROBLEM IS!!
DAT VURTS!
DON'T YOU GO SLIPPING MY BUD POISON LIKE IT'S NOTHING!!
IT'S PERFECTLY NATURAL TO WANT TO PICK ON HIM A LITTLE!!
HE'S JUST SO... SO... OBLIVI-OUS!
IT'S A LITTLE BITTER AND CAN MAKE YOU COUGH, THAT'S ALL.
IT WAS AN ENERGY ELIXIR.
IT WAS NOT POI-SON !!
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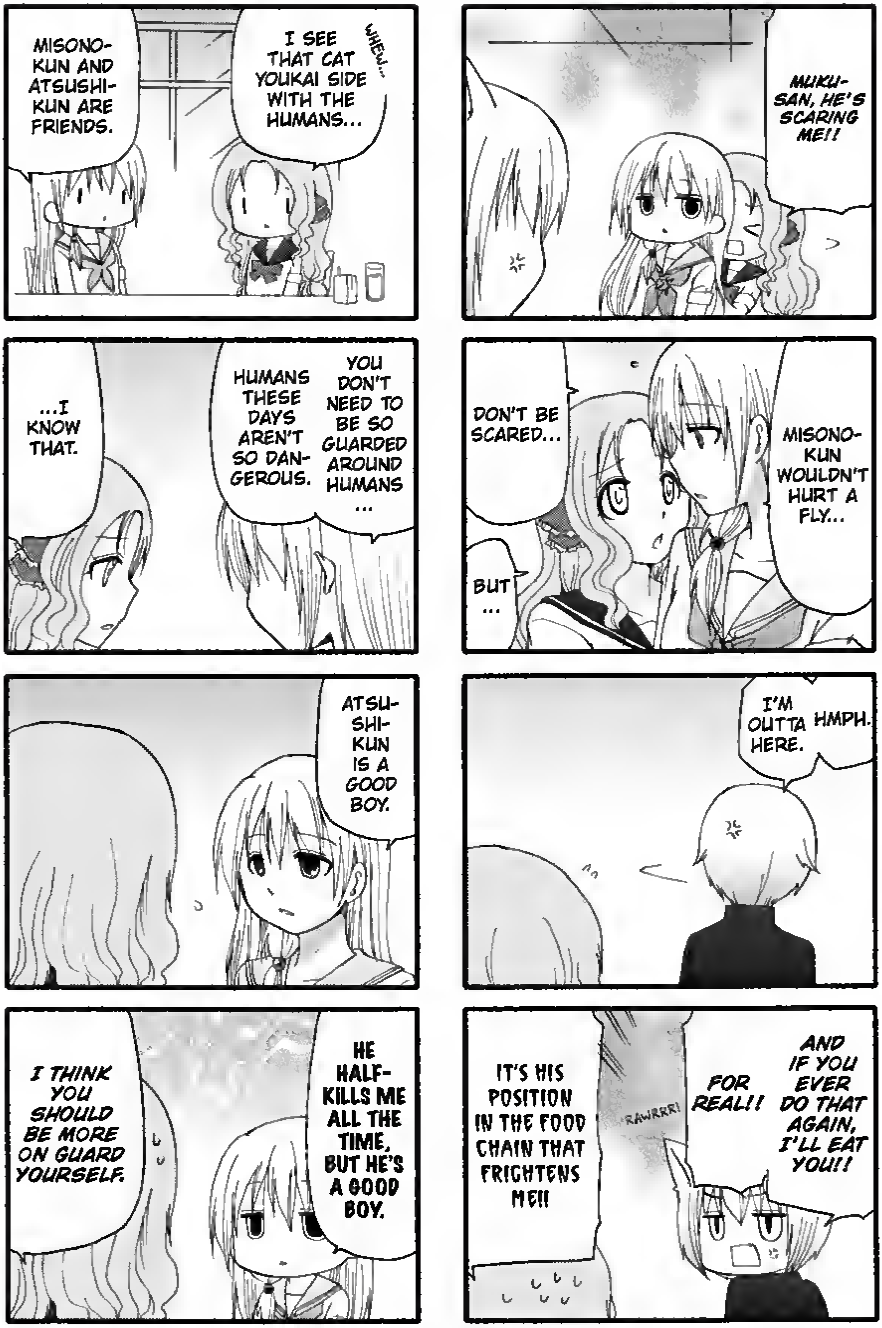
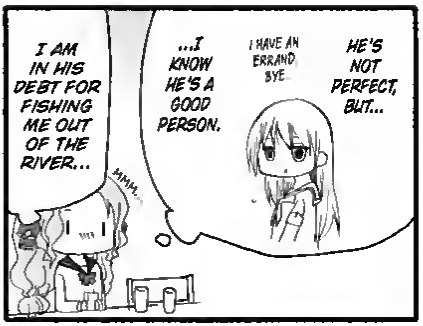
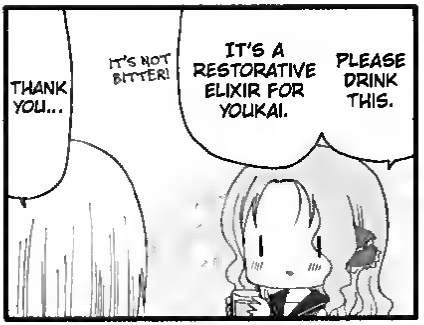
PANIC PANIC
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, FISH FACE!!?
HAAH!?
LITTLE KITTIES WHO'VE BEEN TAMED INTO HOUSEPETS BY HUMANS FOR YEARS AND YEARS WOULD NEVER UNDERSTAND!

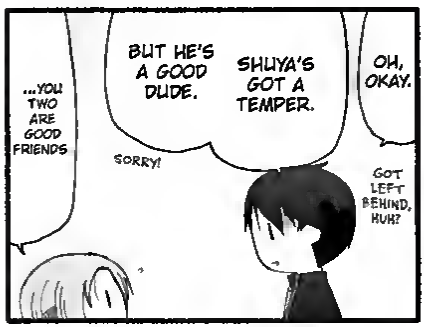

MISONO-KUN AND ATSUSHI-KUN ARE FRIENDS.
I SEE THAT CAT YOUKAI SIDE WITH THE HUMANS...
WHEW...
MUKU-SAN, HE'S SCARING ME!!
...I KNOW THAT.
HUMANS THESE DAYS AREN'T SO DAN-GEROUS.
YOU DON'T NEED TO BE SO GUARDED AROUND HUMANS ...
DON'T BE SCARED...
MISONO-KUN WOULDN'T HURT A FLY...
BUT ...
ATSU-SHI-KUN IS A GOOD BOY.
I'M OUTTA HERE.
HMPH.
I THINK YOU SHOULD BE MORE ON GUARD YOURSELF.
HE HALF-KILLS ME ALL THE TIME, BUT HE'S A GOOD BOY.
IT'S HIS POSITION IN THE FOOD CHAIN THAT FRIGHTENS ME!!
RAWRRR!
FOR REAL!!
AND IF YOU EVER DO THAT AGAIN, I'LL EAT YOU!!


I AM IN HIS DEBT FOR FISHING ME OUT OF THE RIVER...
MMM...
...I KNOW HE'S A GOOD PERSON.
I HAVE AN ERRAND, BYE.
HE'S NOT PERFECT, BUT...


THANK YOU...
IT'S NOT BITTER!
IT'S A RESTORATIVE ELIXIR FOR YOUKAI.
PLEASE DRINK THIS.

MISONO-SAN LEFT AFTER I UPSET HIM.
MUKU-SAN HAD AN ERRAND TO RUN.
BWUH?
I'M BACK...
WHERE ARE SHUYA AND MUKU?

WELL...
HONESTLY, MUKU-SAN, DO YOU REALLY THINK HE'S A GOOD PERSON WHEN HE KNOWS THAT APPROACHING YOU WILL PUT YOU IN DANGER BUT DOES IT ANYWAY?

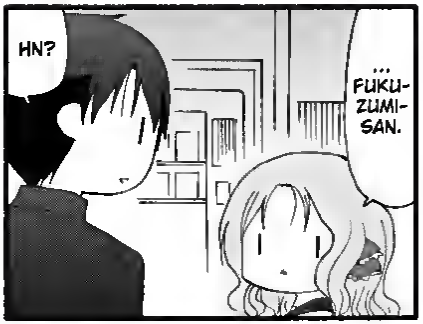

...YOU TWO ARE GOOD FRIENDS
BUT HE'S A GOOD DUDE.
SHUYA'S GOT A TEMPER.
SORRY!
OH, OKAY.
GOT LEFT BEHIND, HUH?

ONE HAS TO CHOOSE THEIR FRIENDS WISELY!
...I ASKED HIM TO BE FRIENDS WITH ME...

OR MAYBE YOU'RE HIS OWNER?
MAYBE I SHOULD BE GIVING HIM SNACKS WITH MORE CALCIUM.

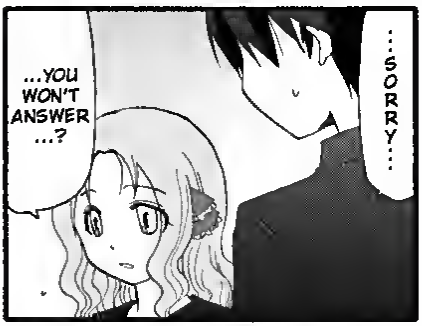
I-I'M SORRY...
I...DON'T KNOW ENOUGH PEOPLE THAT I CAN PICK AND CHOOSE...

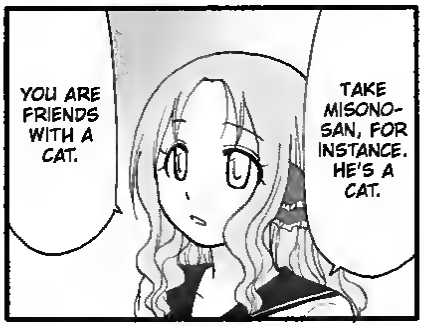
I CAN'T HELP BUT BE ANXIOUS... SCARED, EVEN...
HISTORICALLY, OUR SPECIES HAVE BEEN AT ODDS.


HN?
...FUKUZUMI-SAN.

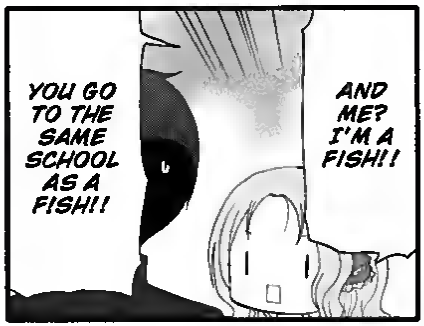
.....
I WAS WONDERING WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT BEING FRIENDS WITH YOUKAI...

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE COEXISTENCE OF HUMANS AND YOUKAI?

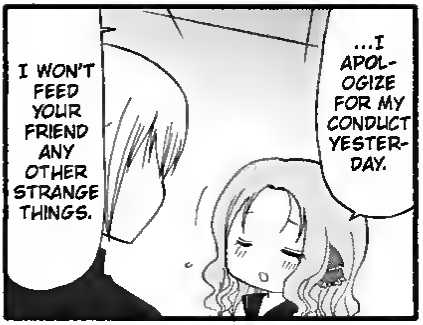

...SORRY...
...YOU WON'T ANSWER ...?

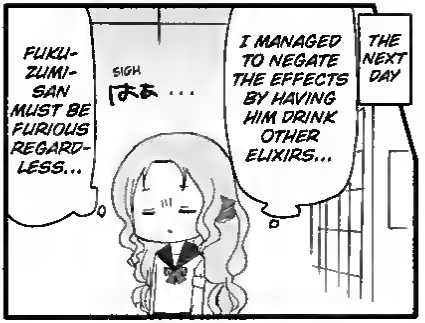

TAKE MISONO-SAN, FOR INSTANCE. HE'S A CAT.
YOU ARE FRIENDS WITH A CAT.

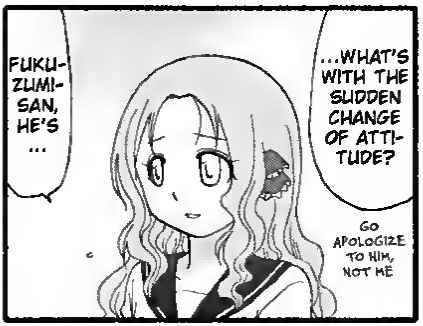
I TOTALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE GETTING AT.
HE DIDN'T EVEN GET THE QUESTION!!

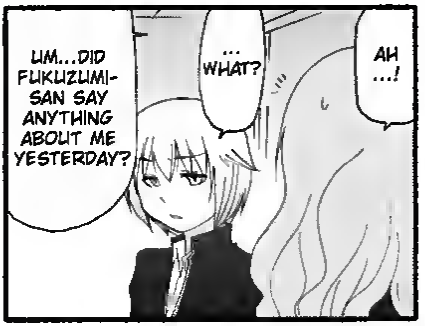

AND ME? I'M A FISH!!
YOU GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL AS A FISH!!

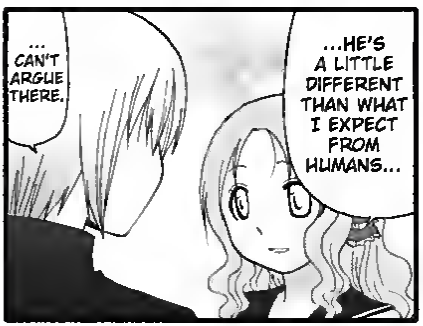
?
WHAT'S WRONG?
O-O-O-O-OH DEAR...
THAT DRINK...
NEVER MIND. FORGET I SAID ANYTHING.
I—
I DON'T REALLY GET IT, BUT...
IT'S A MEDICINE I HAD MUKU-SAN DRINK...
...A MEDICINE FOR YOUKAI...
A—
AND YOU CAN'T HELP WHO YOU LIKE.
...WHETHER YOU'RE YOUKAI OR HUMAN, YOU END UP MAKING FRIENDS.
BUT TO HUMANS... IT'S EXTREMELY POISONOUS.....
WHOA ...!?
...Y-YOU MEAN I.....
WOBBLE
ALL THIS RUNNING AND THINKING'S GOT ME THIRSTY...
WHEW.
HMMM.
OH YES ...?
GULP
I GOT AN INDIRECT KISS !!?
NOW'S NOT THE TIME FOR THAT!!!!
GULP
GULP

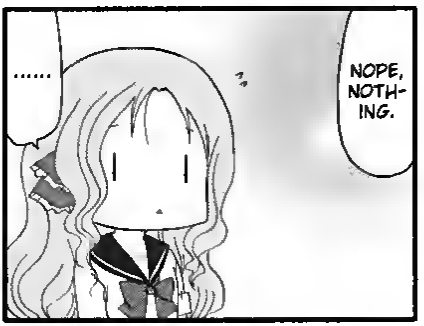

I WON'T FEED YOUR FRIEND ANY OTHER STRANGE THINGS.
...I APOLOGIZE FOR MY CONDUCT YESTERDAY.

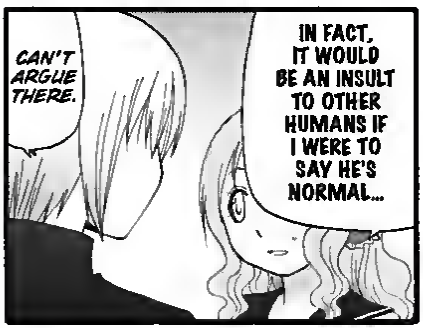

FUKUZUMI-SAN MUST BE FURIOUS REGARDLESS...
SIGH
はぁ...
I MANAGED TO NEGATE THE EFFECTS BY HAVING HIM DRINK OTHER ELIXIRS...
THE NEXT DAY

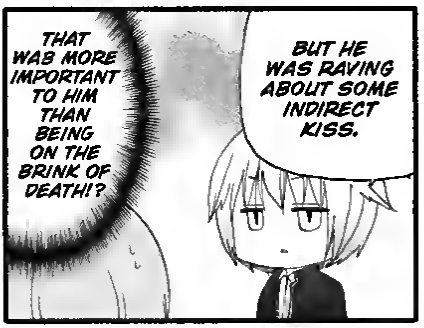

FUKUZUMI-SAN, HE'S...
...WHAT'S WITH THE SUDDEN CHANGE OF ATTITUDE?
GO APOLOGIZE TO HIM, NOT ME


UM...DID FUKUZUMI-SAN SAY ANYTHING ABOUT ME YESTERDAY?
...WHAT?
AH...!


...CAN'T ARGUE THERE.
...HE'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN WHAT I EXPECT FROM HUMANS...

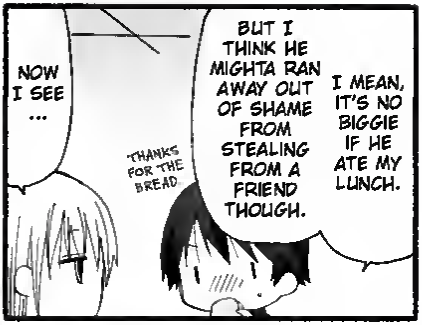

.....
NOPE, NOTHING.

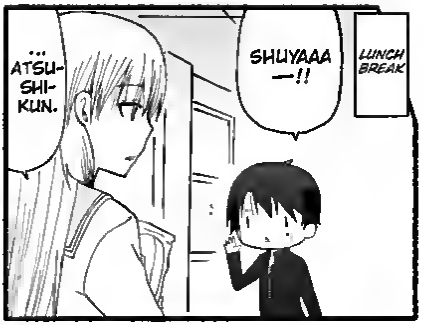

CAN'T ARGUE THERE.
IN FACT, IT WOULD BE AN INSULT TO OTHER HUMANS IF I WERE TO SAY HE'S NORMAL...


THAT WAS MORE IMPORTANT TO HIM THAN BEING ON THE BRINK OF DEATH!?
BUT HE WAS RAVING ABOUT SOME INDIRECT KISS.

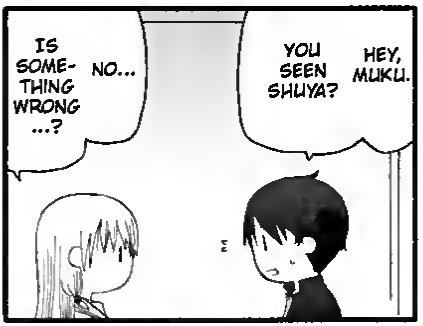
SEASON : 8

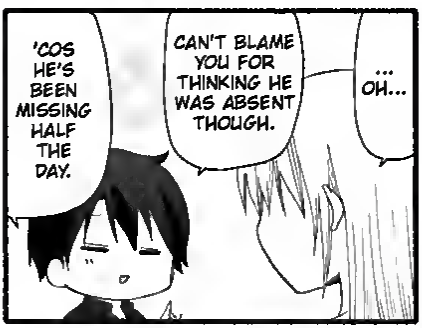
AH!
WHEWWW
I ASKED MOM NOT TO PUT ANY IN!
IT'S FISH.
AN EARLY LUNCH IT IS.
ALL RIGHT.
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
IF SHUYA SEES THIS, THERE'LL BE TROUBLE.

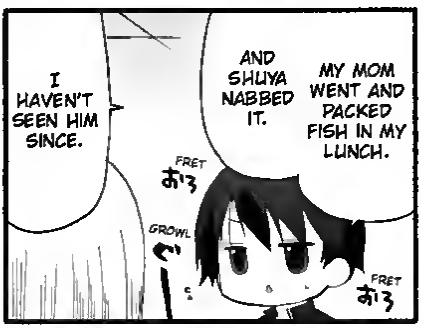

NOW I SEE ...
THANKS FOR THE BREAD
BUT I THINK HE MIGHTA RAN AWAY OUT OF SHAME FROM STEALING FROM A FRIEND THOUGH.
I MEAN, IT'S NO BIGGIE IF HE ATE MY LUNCH.

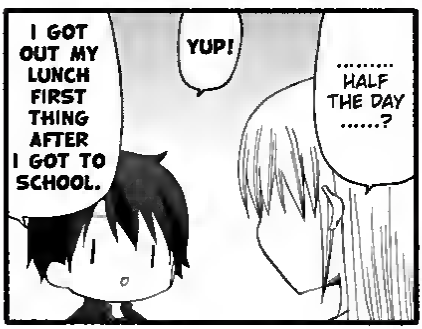

LUNCH BREAK
SHUYAAA —!!
... ATSU-SHI-KUN.

OH NO, HE CAME TO SCHOOL.
...I THOUGHT MISONO-KUN WAS ABSENT TODAY...


HEY, MUKU.
YOU SEEN SHUYA?
NO...
IS SOME-THING WRONG ...?


'COS HE'S BEEN MISSING HALF THE DAY.
CAN'T BLAME YOU FOR THINKING HE WAS ABSENT THOUGH.
... OH...


I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE.
AND SHUYA NABBED IT.
MY MOM WENT AND PACKED FISH IN MY LUNCH.
FRET
GROWL
FRET


I GOT OUT MY LUNCH FIRST THING AFTER I GOT TO SCHOOL.
YUP!
..... HALF THE DAY .....?

WHAT?
GROWL
WHAT IF I DON'T FIND HIM? HE COULD END UP A STRAY!

SHU-YAAA!
WHAT IF THE CAT'S TURNING FERAL?
AFTER SCHOOL
YOU SPENT THE ENTIRETY OF LUNCH SEARCHING FOR HIM BUT STILL COULDN'T FIND HIM?
WE'LL HAVE TO FIND HIM QUICKLY, THEN...
IF HE ENDS UP HURTING A HUMAN...
...I'LL HAVE TO...
YEAH, SO I THOUGHT MAYBE HE'D BE WITH YOU, SINCE YOU'RE A FISH YOUKAI.
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM!
WHY DOES HE ACT SO MUCH LIKE AN ORDINARY CAT?
... AHEM ...
...TO PUT IT GENTLY...
... UM ...
BEATS ME.....
MAYBE 'COS I'M ALWAYS TEASING HIM LIKE HE'S AN ORDINARY CAT?
...I'LL HAVE TO ANNIHI-LATE HIM.
THAT'S PUTTING IT GENTLY!!?
IS HE A WILD CAT?
YOU MEAN HOUSE CAT.

NICE ...
GEEZ!
HERE, I'LL GIVE IT A SCENT THAT ATTRACTS CATS!
OKAY, WE GOTTA TRY AND LURE HIM OUT!!
THAT'S NOT GOOD!!
HERE, SHUYA !!
WAVE
フリ
OKAY!
WAVE
フリ
...CAT TOYS!
WHICH MEANS ...
... WOULDN'T LURING HIM WITH A CAT TOY...
UM...IF HE RAN AWAY BECAUSE HIS PRIDE WAS HURT...
COS IT'S FAKE
...THIS MIGHT NOT WORK OUT SO WELL.
WHAM!
ゴン
...MAKE IT EVEN WORSE?
DON'T LOOK AT ME.
STARE
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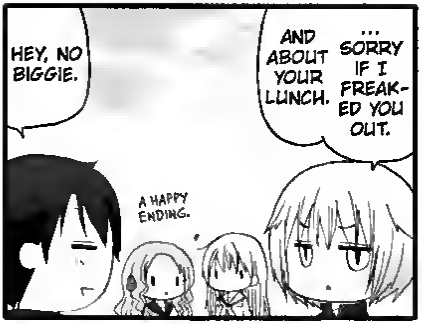
MAYBE IF WE HAD SOME FOOD?

CATTY? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I'M GLAD YOU SEEM YOUR-SELF.
WHEW. I THOUGHT YOU'D HAVE TURNED MORE CATTY.
.....
SH-SHUYA ...
...YOU DIDN'T EAT MY FISH!
HEY, THAT MEANS ...
...I WAS STUCK ON THE LINE BETWEEN A CAT YOUKAI AND AN ORDINARY FELINE...
...AND WASTED THE WHOLE SLEEPING DAY!
THANKS TO YOUR STUPID LUNCH...
M—
MY BAD.
AND THEN YOU BRING OUT THIS LAME TOY!?
ACK ...!
IT'S GONE.
HONEST. MY BAD.
GNAW GNAW かじかじ
YOU MAKIN' FUN OF ME!!?


HEY, NO BIGGIE.
AND ABOUT YOUR LUNCH.
... SORRY IF I FREAKED YOU OUT.
A HAPPY ENDING.

IF YOU EAT THIS, YOU'RE NO BETTER THAN AN ORDINARY CAT! DON'T DO IT, MAN!!
HAVE YOU NO PRIDE!?
SORRY, BRO.
SHOOT. I WENT AND STOLE HIS LUNCH.

WHAT ?
REACH

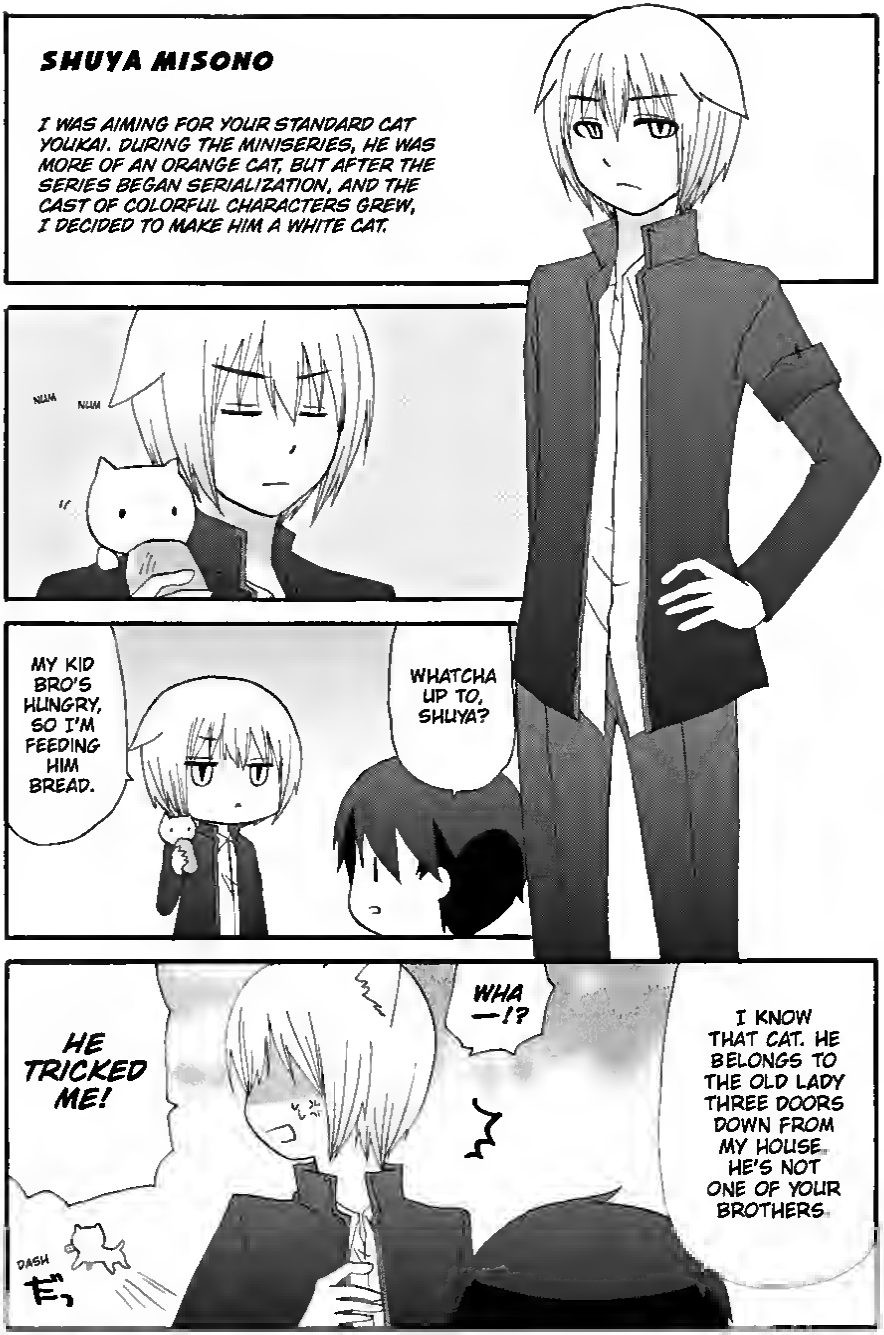
CONFUSION
MEEEOW?
OKAY. I'LL EAT IT!!

I COULD EAT A HORSE.
GURRGLE
CAN I HAVE THE REST OF MY LUNCH BACK?

SHUYA NIICHAN! SOMETHING SMELLS NUMMY!
GURGLE

YOU JUST HELPED YOURSELF TO THE REST OF IT!?
I ATE THAT 'COS I GOT HUNGRY.

HELD ON TO HIS PRIDE BY THE SKIN OF HIS TEETH, HUH?
OKAY, I FED IT TO THEM.
MY SIBLINGS ATE IT.


SHUYA MISONO
I WAS AIMING FOR YOUR STANDARD CAT YOUKAI. DURING THE MINISERIES, HE WAS MORE OF AN ORANGE CAT, BUT AFTER THE SERIES BEGAN SERIALIZATION, AND THE CAST OF COLORFUL CHARACTERS GREW, I DECIDED TO MAKE HIM A WHITE CAT.
NUM
NUM
MY KID BRO'S HUNGRY, SO I'M FEEDING HIM BREAD.
WHATCHA UP TO, SHUYA?
I KNOW THAT CAT. HE BELONGS TO THE OLD LADY THREE DOORS DOWN FROM MY HOUSE. HE'S NOT ONE OF YOUR BROTHERS.
WHA —!?
HE TRICKED ME!
DASH

MANA KIKUSUI
AS SHE'S A FISH YOUKAI, I GAVE HER MERMAID-LIKE WAVY HAIR. FOR THE SAKE OF HER REPUTATION, LET ME STATE FOR THE RECORD THAT WHILE CATS LIKE HER FISHY SCENT, HER SCENT ISN'T SO STRONG THAT ORDINARY PEOPLE WOULD NOTICE IT.
YOU BELONG TO THE CLASS NEXT DOOR, KIKUSUI? YOU'RE HERE SO OFTEN, I DIDN'T REALIZE.
YES, I DO.
.....
?
WHAT IS IT?
DO YOU HAVE ANY FRIENDS IN YOUR OWN CLASS?
I DO!

SEASON : 9

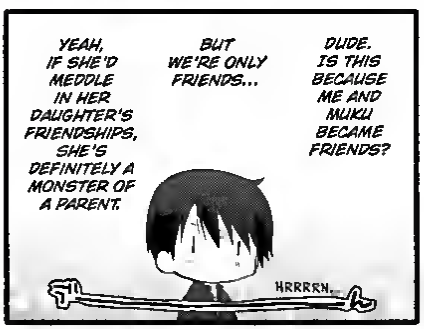
NO, PLEASE LET ME HAVE IT!
I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO SAY THIS, YOU KNOW.
FUKU-ZUMI.
DO YOU KNOW WHY I CALLED YOU TO THE OFFICE?
...YES, MA'AM.
I THINK SO.
IT'S MY OWN FAULT.
I FEEL AWFUL.
I AM SO SORRY FOR HEADING STRAIGHT HOME WITHOUT TAKING THAT MAKEUP TEST!!
OH REALLY?
THAT'S NEWS TO ME.

...LOOK, SHIROISHI'S MOTHER CALLED THE OFFICE.

HUH!?
NOT THAT. I MEAN SHIROISHI.

AH!
TO TALK ABOUT HER DAUGHTER'S SOCIAL LIFE.

MUKU'S MOM...
I HEARD FROM SHIROISHI'S MOTHER.


YEAH, IF SHE'D MEDDLE IN HER DAUGHTER'S FRIENDSHIPS, SHE'S DEFINITELY A MONSTER OF A PARENT.
BUT WE'RE ONLY FRIENDS...
DUDE. IS THIS BECAUSE ME AND MUKU BECAME FRIENDS?
HRRRRN.

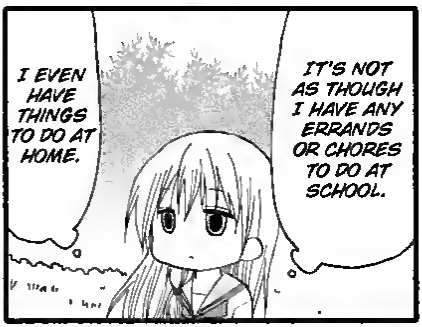
NO DUH.
HEY, DOES THAT MEAN SHE'S A SNOW YOUKAI TOO?

SHE'S A SUPER-NORMAL PARENT!
SHE ASKED THAT WE BE CAREFUL BECAUSE SHE'S WORRIED ABOUT SHIROISHI'S HEALTH.

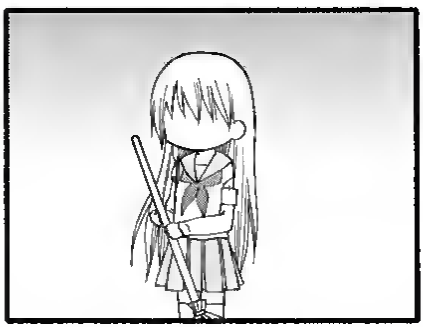
FUKUZUMI. SHUT UP FOR A SEC AND LET YOUR TEACHER GET A WORD IN.
GULP
A TRUE MONSTER PARENT...

WHISK
WHISK

YEAH ...
SHIRO-ISHI, YOU KNOW... MELTS.
DROOP


I EVEN HAVE THINGS TO DO AT HOME.
IT'S NOT AS THOUGH I HAVE ANY ERRANDS OR CHORES TO DO AT SCHOOL.

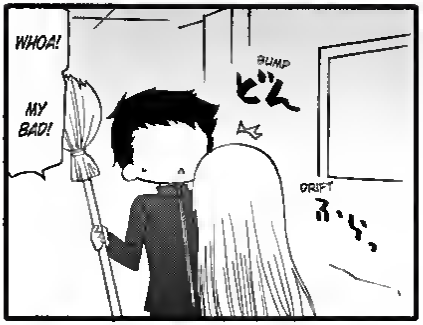
'SCUSE ME.
GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT.
OKAY ...



... SEN-SEI...
... FUKU-ZUMI.

...SWEEPING BEHIND THE SCHOOL ...?
WHY AM I HERE...

SENSEI!!
NOW THAT WE'VE HAD OUR TALK, CLEAN THE OFFICE. IT'S YOUR PUNISHMENT FOR SKIPPING YOUR TEST.


WHOA!
MY BAD!
BUMP
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DRIFT
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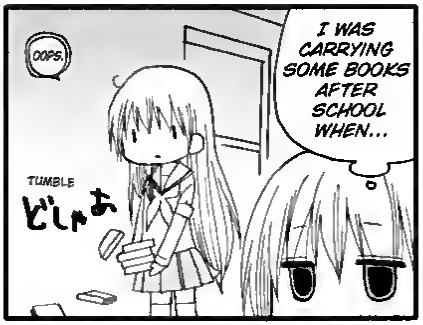
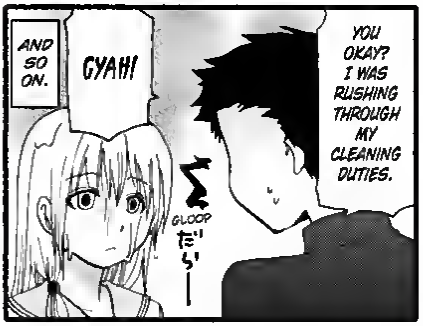
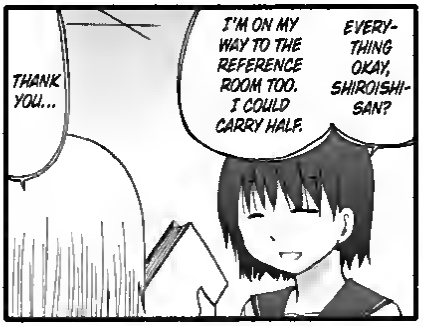
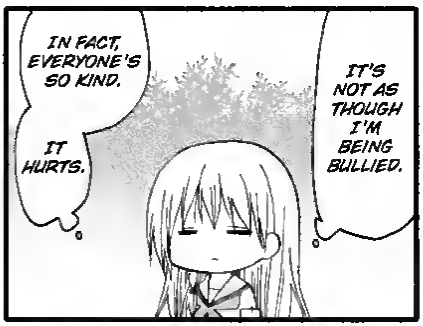
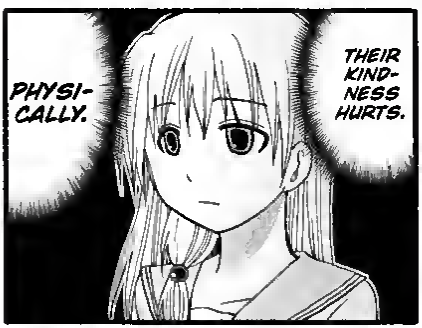

I WAS CARRYING SOME BOOKS AFTER SCHOOL WHEN...
OOPS.
TUMBLE
どしゃあ

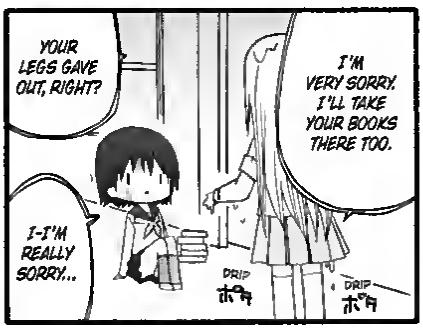

AND SO ON.
GYAH!
YOU OKAY? I WAS RUSHING THROUGH MY CLEANING DUTIES.
GLOOP
だら～


THANK YOU...
I'M ON MY WAY TO THE REFERENCE ROOM TOO. I COULD CARRY HALF.
EVERY-THING OKAY, SHIROISHI-SAN?


IN FACT, EVERYONE'S SO KIND.
IT HURTS.
IT'S NOT AS THOUGH I'M BEING BULLIED.

I-I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE SORRY!!!
SHRIEK
SORRY...


PHYSI-CALLY.
THEIR KIND-NESS HURTS.


YOUR LEGS GAVE OUT, RIGHT?
I-I'M REALLY SORRY...
I'M VERY SORRY. I'LL TAKE YOUR BOOKS THERE TOO.
DRIP
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DRIP
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OOF!
WHUMP
MUKU!!
I WISH I WEREN'T A SNOW YOUKAI.
WHY DID I HAVE TO HAVE A BODY LIKE THIS?
HAAH...
ACK!
OW—
OR NO OW!!?
HEY! IT'S SNOW!!
YOU OKAYYY? YOU LOOK KINDA DOWN!
...ATSU-SHI-KUN.
.....
HFF! HFF!
YOU DID THIS, MUKU!?
THANKS A BUNCH!!
AH.
SLIP
THANK GOOD-NESS I'M A SNOW YOUKAI...
TH—
HFF!
HFF!

YES ...
YOU WERE CLEANIN' UP BEHIND THE BUILDING, HUH?
EH?
HEY, HOW COME YOU WERE DOWN?
EH? BUT ...
I'LL HELP
I'LL GIVE YOU A HAND! LET'S WRAP THIS UP AND GO HOME!!
COOL.
YOU STARTLED ME SO MUCH THAT I FORGOT WHAT IT WAS .....
...I'M FINE NOW.
OKAY ...
NO PROB!
NONE AT ALL!
UMM ...
ATSUSHI-KUN, WHAT WERE YOU DOING IN THE OFFICE ...?
IT WAS A PROB-LEM.
I GOT CHEWED OUT FOR DITCHING MY CLEANING.
THE NEXT DAY
YOU DIDN'T HIT YOUR HEAD, DID YOU?
I FOR-GET!!

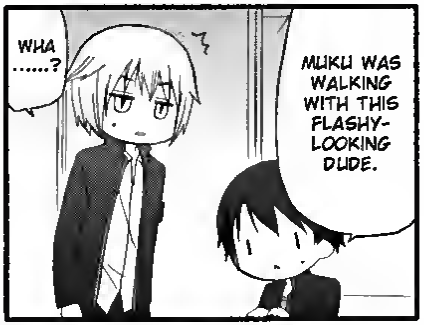
SEASON : 10

SOME-WHERE WE CAN BE ALONE.
I DON'T WANT ANY INTERRUP-TIONS.
MEAT BUNS ARE MM, MM, GOOD
AWWW MAN!
.....LET'S GO.
JUST THE TWO OF US? YOU'RE A BOLD ONE.
WHERE DO YOU SUGGEST WE TAKE THIS, THEN?
HEY! MUKU ...
MAN, CAN'T BELIEVE I GET TO GO WITH SUCH A CUTE GIRL.
LUCKY ME!
SHALL WE?

I BET THEY WENT OFF SOMEWHERE QUIET TO SMOKE OR SOMETHING!
WE GOTTA STOP HER!
TMP
TMP

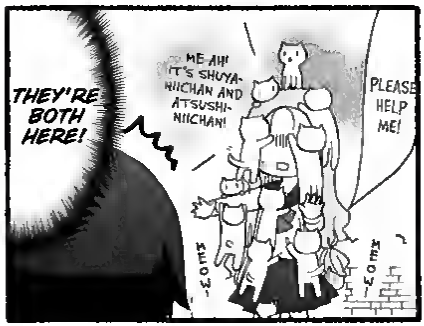
I'M READY, ATSU-SHI— WHAT'S WITH YOU?
..... MU .....

.....SO WHERE DID SHE GO, THEN?
DUNNO.
I SPACED OUT FROM THE SHOCK!


MUKU WAS WALKING WITH THIS FLASHY-LOOKING DUDE.
WHA .....?

UMMM, GOTTA BE SOMEONE AROUND HERE WE KNOW...
GOTTA TALK TO WITNESSES!
LIKE, KIKUSUI-SAN OR YOUR SIBLINGS.
MEEEOW!

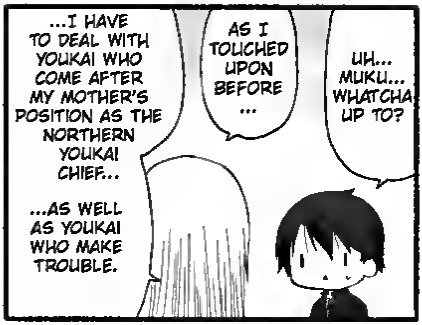
SHE SAID SHE WANTED TO GO SOMEWHERE THEY COULD BE ALONE...
..... DUDE, DOES SHE HAVE A BOY—?
THIS IS AWFUL ...

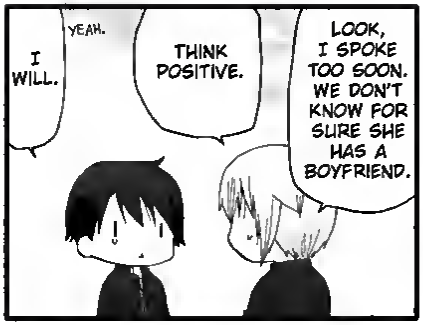

PLEASE HELP ME!
ME-AH! IT'S SHUYA-NIICHAN AND ATSUSHI-NIICHAN!
THEY'RE BOTH HERE!
MEOW
MEOW

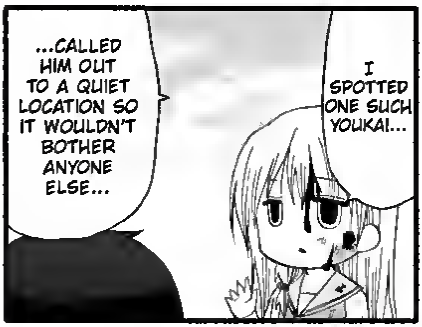
MUKU'S JOINED A GANG!
THAT'S WHAT HIS MIND JUMPS TO?

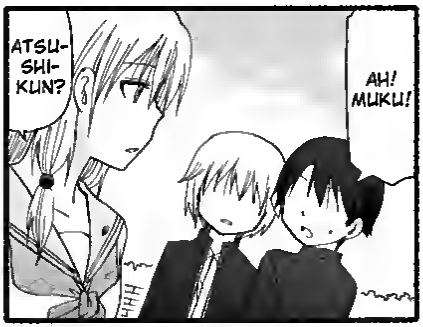
I HAVE A MEETING A LITTLE PAST HERE.
ISN'T YOUR HOUSE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN?
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE, MUKU-SAN?
KOFF!
KOFF!
THANK YOU SO MUCH. YOU SAVED MY TAIL.
WHEWWW!
THAT GIRL SMELLS LIKE FISH!
HEY! BAD KITTIES!
MEEEOW!
MEOW!
MEOW!
NO...
I'LL BE FINE. PLEASE GO AHEAD.
I'M HOLDING YOU UP!
OH MY WORD!
KOFF!
KOFF!
YES, I SAW HER.
MUKU-SAN?
KIKUSUI-SAN, YOU SEEN MUKU?
...MAKES THEM NERVOUS. IT'S HIGHLY EFFECTIVE.
BEING A LITTLE LATE...
...I'D ACCIDENTAL-LY BREATHED IN THROUGH MY GILLS AGAIN.
JUST BEFORE I WAS ATTACKED BY THIS MOB OF KITTENS...
ISN'T THAT...A DATE?
HUH
...IS WHAT SHE SAID.
YOU'RE LIKE AN OLD LADY.
KOFF! KOFF!
I'M SO SORRY.
SHE RUBBED MY BACK WHILE I COUGHED.

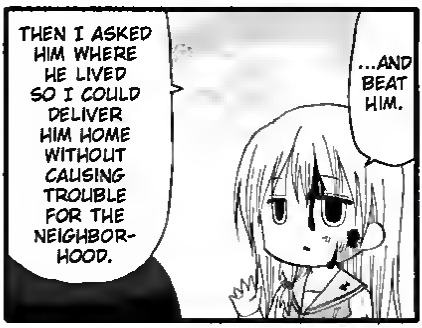
.....
.....
.....AH. NEVER MIND. SORRY.
.....
HEY.
TMP
TMP
WELP, KIKUSUI-SAN SAID SHE WENT THIS WAY.
OHH ...
THAT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE SHIROISHI AT ALL.
...WITH A GUY.
SHE WANTED TO BE ALONE ...
HUH?
IN THAT CASE, THAT'S A LOAD OFF MY MIND.
...ISN'T IT A DATE?
IF SHE WAS ALL, "MAYBE I'LL MAKE HIM A LITTLE NERVOUS" ... LIKE ...
MUKU'S STILL A GOOD GIRL! THANK GOOD-NESS!!
WIPE YOUR EYES, MAN.
...ISN'T SHE WITH A BOY-FRIEND?
MEAN-ING...

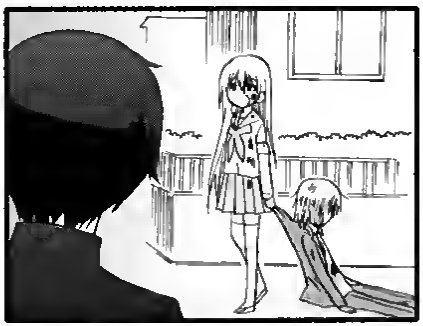

...I HAVE TO DEAL WITH YOUKAI WHO COME AFTER MY MOTHER'S POSITION AS THE NORTHERN YOUKAI CHIEF..
...AS WELL AS YOUKAI WHO MAKE TROUBLE.
AS I TOUCHED UPON BEFORE ...
UH... MUKU... WHATCHA UP TO?


I WILL.
YEAH.
THINK POSITIVE.
LOOK, I SPOKE TOO SOON. WE DON'T KNOW FOR SURE SHE HAS A BOYFRIEND.


...CALLED HIM OUT TO A QUIET LOCATION SO IT WOULDN'T BOTHER ANYONE ELSE...
I SPOTTED ONE SUCH YOUKAI...

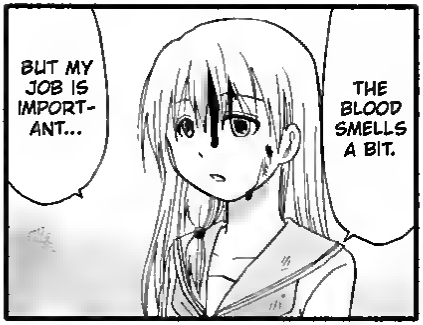

ATSU-SHI-KUN?
AH! MUKU!

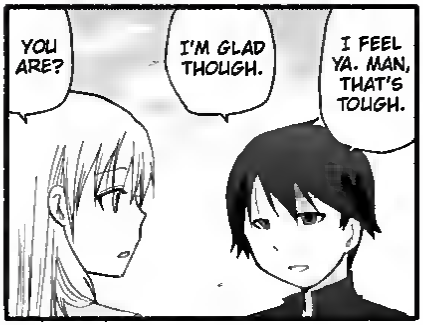

THEN I ASKED HIM WHERE HE LIVED SO I COULD DELIVER HIM HOME WITHOUT CAUSING TROUBLE FOR THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD.
...AND BEAT HIM.

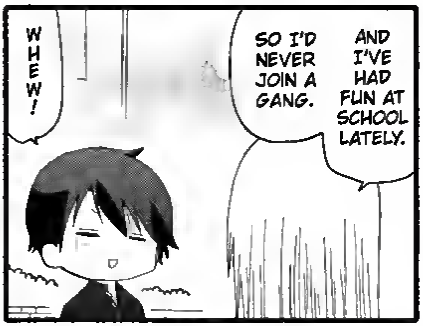


YEAH, BUT IT WAS NO ACCIDENT !!
I WAS RIGHT! SHE'S HELPING AN INJURED PERSON GET HOME!!

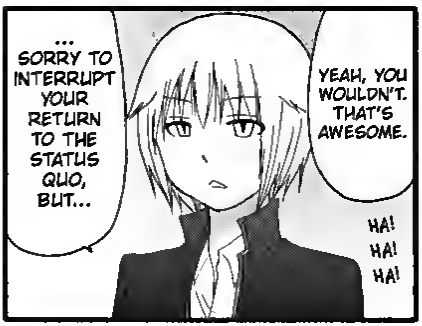
OKAY, IT'S TIME YOU FACED REALITY.
WE CAUGHT YOU WHILE YOU'RE HELPING SOMEONE WHO WAS INJURED IN AN ACCIDENT HOME...?

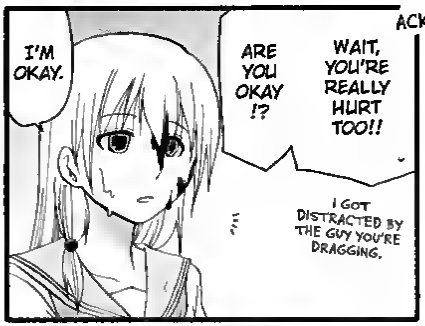

BUT MY JOB IS IMPORT-ANT...
THE BLOOD SMELLS A BIT.

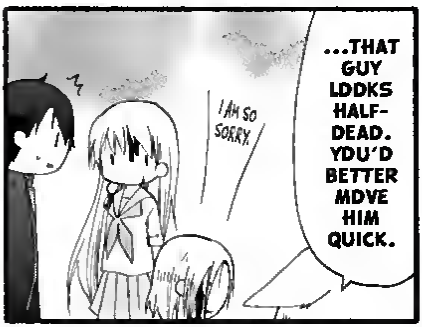

YOU ARE?
I'M GLAD THOUGH.
I FEEL YA. MAN, THAT'S TOUGH.

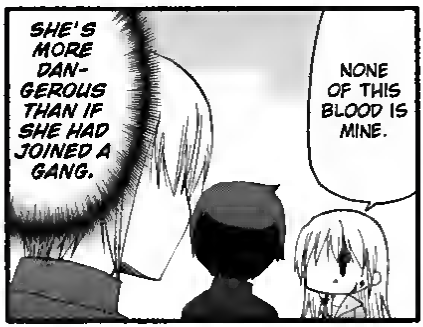

WHEW!
SO I'D NEVER JOIN A GANG.
AND I'VE HAD FUN AT SCHOOL LATELY.

I WOULD NEVER DO THAT.
I MEAN, 'COS YOU HAVEN'T JOINED A GANG!
'COS YOU DON'T HAVE A BOYF—

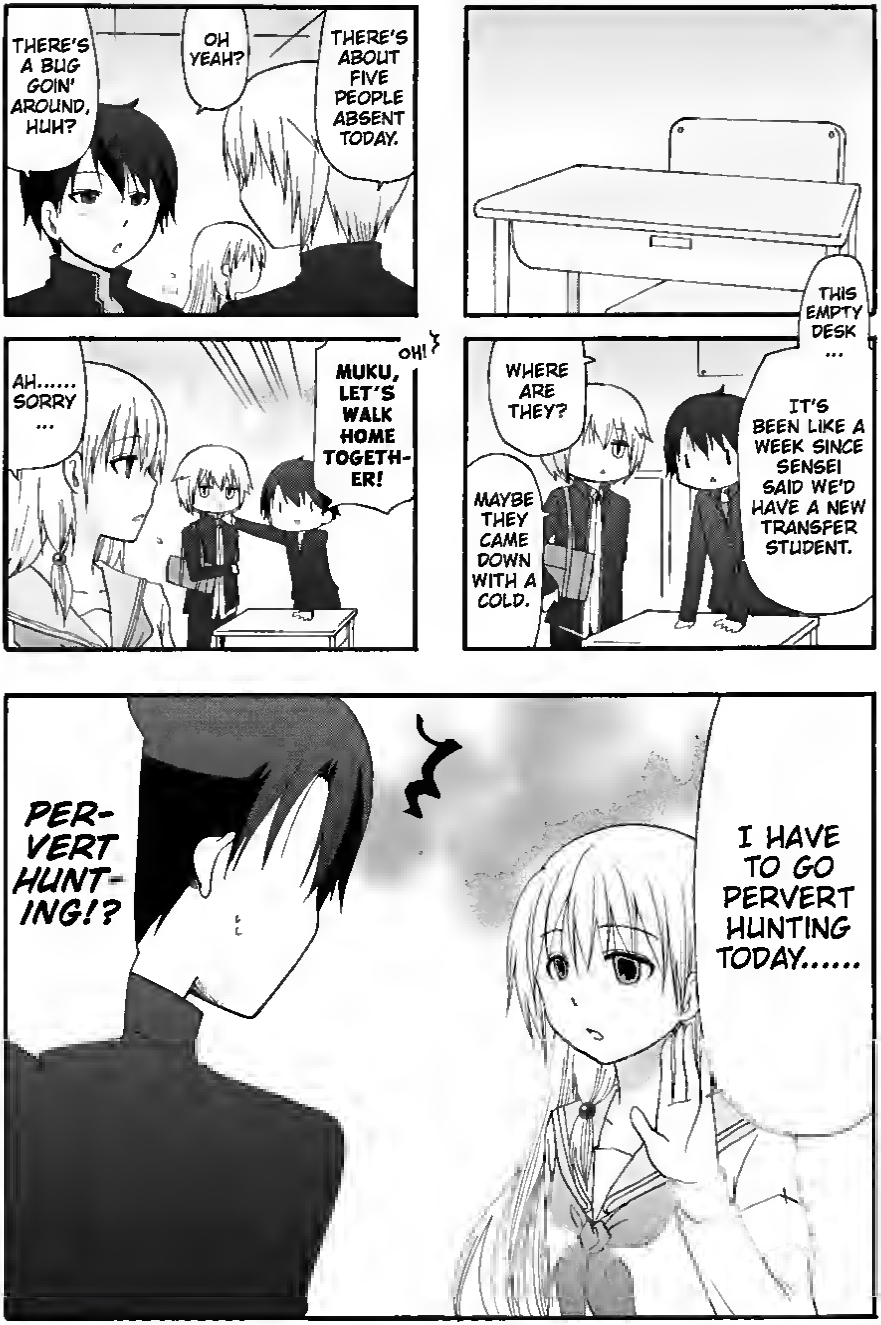

...SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR RETURN TO THE STATUS QUO, BUT...
YEAH, YOU WOULDN'T. THAT'S AWESOME.
HA! HA! HA!


I'M OKAY.
ARE YOU OKAY !?
WAIT, YOU'RE REALLY HURT TOO!!
ACK!
I GOT DISTRACTED BY THE GUY YOU'RE DRAGGING.


I AM SO SORRY.
...THAT GUY LDDKS HALF-DEAD. YDU'D BETTER MDVE HIM QUICK.

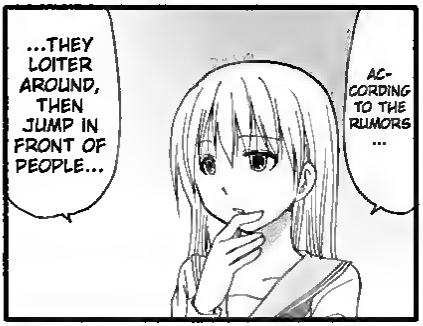

SHE'S MORE DAN-GEROUS THAN IF SHE HAD JOINED A GANG.
NONE OF THIS BLOOD IS MINE.

SEASON : 11

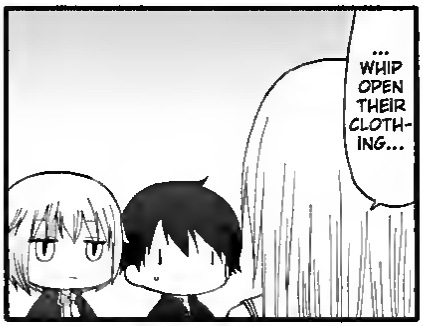

THERE'S A BUG GOIN' AROUND, HUH?
OH YEAH?
THERE'S ABOUT FIVE PEOPLE ABSENT TODAY.
THIS EMPTY DESK ...
IT'S BEEN LIKE A WEEK SINCE SENSEI SAID WE'D HAVE A NEW TRANSFER STUDENT.
WHERE ARE THEY?
MAYBE THEY CAME DOWN WITH A COLD.
OH!
MUKU, LET'S WALK HOME TOGETH-ER!
AH..... SORRY ...
I HAVE TO GO PERVERT HUNTING TODAY.....
PER-VERT HUNT-ING!?

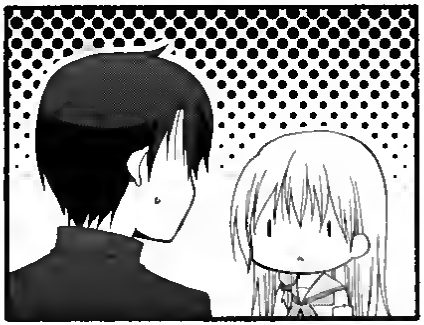
WHAT KINDA PERVERT IS IT?
BUT THE PERSON IN QUESTION MIGHT BE A YOUKAI...

I GET THAT TAKING DOWN BAD YOUKAI IS YOUR DUTY AND ALL.
MUKU?

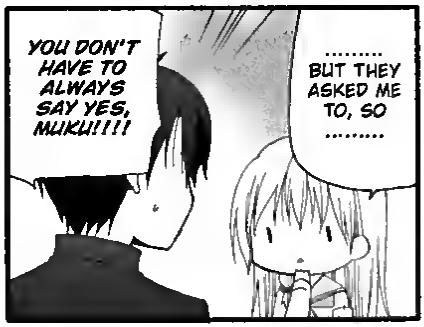

...THEY LOITER AROUND, THEN JUMP IN FRONT OF PEOPLE...
ACCORDING TO THE RUMORS...

IS THAT IN YOUR JOB DESCRIPTION?
BUT PERVERTS?
THAT'S A JOB FOR THE COPS.


...WHIP OPEN THEIR CLOTHING...



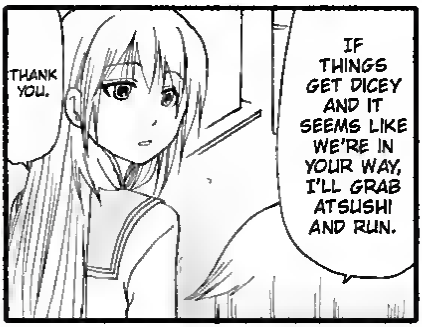
IT'S CLEARLY A FLASHER!
...AND SHOW YOU SOMETHING SCARY.
SO THEY SAY


YOU DON'T HAVE TO ALWAYS SAY YES, MUKU!!!!
.....
BUT THEY ASKED ME TO, SO
.....

UH... UMMM...
IT'S MY JOB TO DEAL WITH BAD YOUKAI, SO IT'S OKAY IF I DO...
BUT...
L-LET THE COPS HANDLE IT, MUKU.
I'LL COME WITH!
WAIT!
I'M OFF, THEN.
HUH!?
FOR REAL?
SO I SUSPECT IT MIGHT BE A YOUKAI
ALL OF THE KIDS THE PERVERT ACCOSTED WERE YOUKAI...
OUR ABSENT CLASS-MATES ARE AMONG THEM.....
...IT WON'T BE AS TRAUMATIZING IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE WITH YOU, RIGHT?
IF YOU RUN INTO THE PERVERT ...
HUH ...?
WHOA!!
THEY WERE ALL GRAVELY INJURED BY A BLADE...
DO YOU HEAR YOUR-SELF?
HECK, I COULD LOOK AT THE FLASHER FOR YOU!!
HOW IS THAT OKAY!?
SO IT'S ALL OKAY.

I'M SORRY TO DRAG YOU ALONG, MISONO-KUN...
MEH. WHAT-EVER.

YOU'LL JUST GET IN HER WAY.
STOP HOLDING HER UP.
BUT!

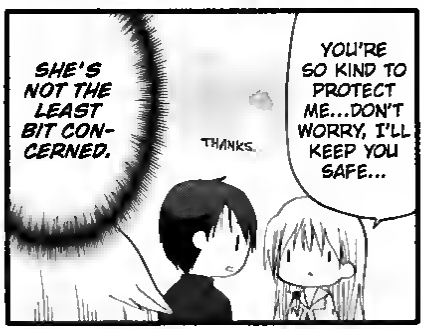

IF THINGS GET DICEY AND IT SEEMS LIKE WE'RE IN YOUR WAY, I'LL GRAB ATSUSHI AND RUN.
THANK YOU.

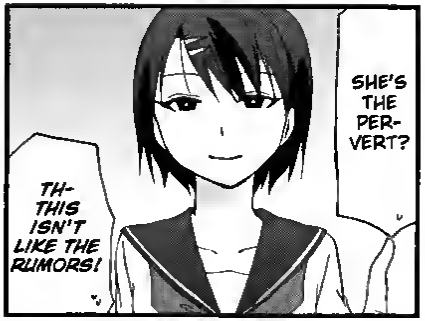
TOUGH OR NO, MUKU'S STILL A GIRL, YOU KNOW?
ANYWAY, IT'S DAN-GEROUS TO GO ALONE!!

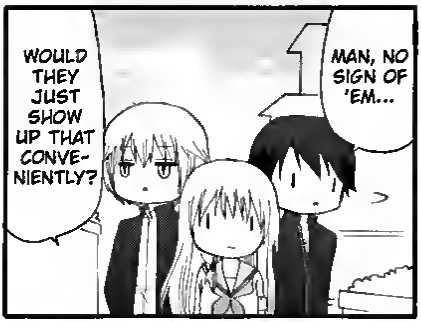
I'LL BE FINE. I'D RATHER YOU HELPED MUKU.
YOU CAN FIGHT TOGETHER!
HEY, DON'T MAKE LIGHT OF MY STRENGTH.

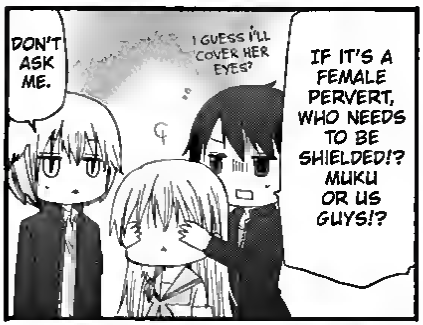
... THANK YOU.
YOU'LL COME WITH ME, THEN?
YEAH
I'LL DO MY BEST TO PROTECT YOU!!

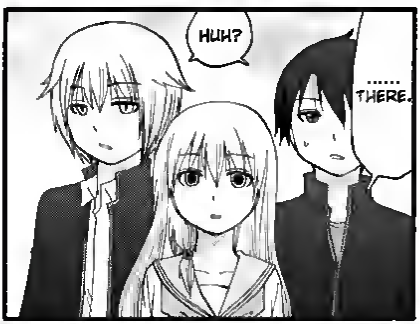
I'M NOT SURE IF I COULD WIN A FIGHT AGAINST A SMALL DOG.
SO WEAK!!


YOU'RE SO KIND TO PROTECT ME...DON'T WORRY, I'LL KEEP YOU SAFE...
THANKS.
SHE'S NOT THE LEAST BIT CON-CERNED.


SHE'S THE PER-VERT?
TH-THIS ISN'T LIKE THE RUMORS!


MAN, NO SIGN OF 'EM...
WOULD THEY JUST SHOW UP THAT CONVE-NIENTLY?


IF IT'S A FEMALE PERVERT, WHO NEEDS TO BE SHIELDED!? MUKU OR US GUYS!?
I GUESS I'LL COVER HER EYES?
DON'T ASK ME.


..... THERE.
HUH?

.....
THREE VICTIMS TODAY, EH.....?

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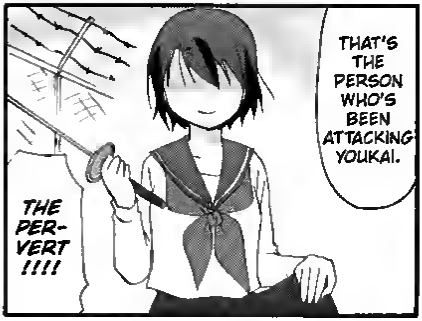
FLAP

SHE'S LIKELY THE ONE.
HUH!?
A GIRL !?

THE PERVERT'S JUST LIKE THE RUMORS SAID!
...DO YOU WISH TO DIE?
UPON WHICH BLADE ...
YOU THERE.

SEASON : 12

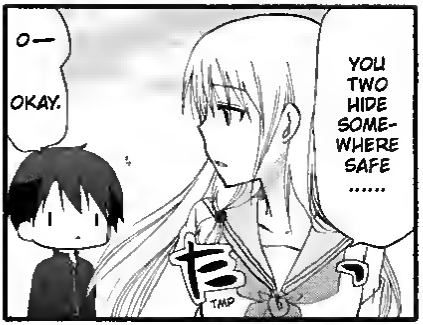

THAT'S THE PERSON WHO'S BEEN ATTACKING YOUKAI.
THE PER-VERT !!!!

CAN'T BELIEVE SHE WAS HIDING KNIVES UNDER HER SKIRT...
CAN'T BELIEVE IT WAS A GIRL ...

.....
MUKU, WHAT KINDA YOUKAI IS THAT!?

A HUMAN !?
THAT IS A HUMAN.

LAST TIME—
OH CRAP.


O—
OKAY.
YOU TWO HIDE SOME-WHERE SAFE .....
TMD

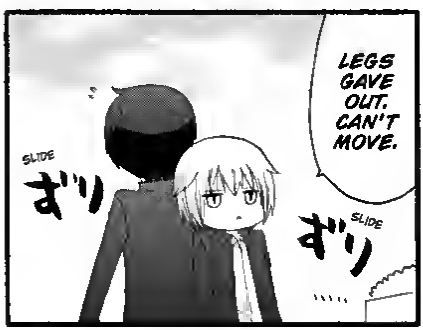
...MY BODY ACHES.
LACKING A MASTER FOR MANY A YEAR...

.....
WAIT.
SHUYA, LET'S GET OUT OF HER WAY.

...AND STILL MY THIRST WILL NOT BE SATED.
I TASTE BLOOD DAY UPON DAY...

YOU'RE GONNA BACK HER UP!?
I KNOW I SAID I WOULD RUN IF THINGS GOT DICEY, BUT...

...YOU WILL BE RUST UPON MY BLADE.
DESPI-CABLE YOUKAI...
AH HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA


LEGS GAVE OUT. CAN'T MOVE.
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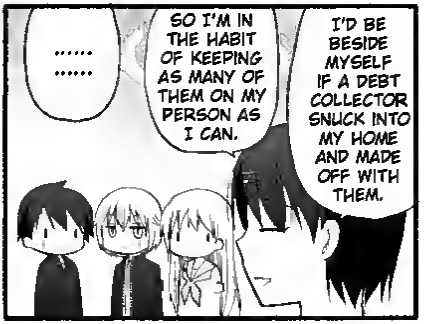
I DON'T WANNA KNOW ANY YOUKAI LIKE THAT EITHER...
!- I DON'T WANNA KNOW ANY HUMANS LIKE THAT..

YES.
MUKU, YOU OKAY!?
YOUR HANDS!
CLANG
THE SWORD?
WHUMP
SHE MELTS SO EASILY, JUST FROM ME BEING NICE.
BUT SHE'S ACTU-ALLY REALLY STRONG!
KUH!
CATCH
SHE'S STRONG EVEN NO-HANDED!
CRACK
SHE'S MELT-IIIING!!!!
GLOOP

WONDER IF SHE'S OKAY TOO...?
.....
IT'S DONE.
HUH?
FOR REAL?
THAT SWORD WAS EMITTING A STRANGE POWER, STRONG ENOUGH TO MELT MY HANDS, SO I BROKE IT...
I THINK IT WAS POSSESSING HER...
OHHH!
SO THAT'S WHY SHE WAS TALKING ALL WEIRD!
UGH ..... I...
むsit
.....
.....
YOU OKAY, MUKU?
YOUR HANDS ...
THEY DID MELT.
BUT THEY'LL REGEN-ERATE SOON. IT'S NOT AN ISSUE.
IT'S ACTUALLY MORE DAMAGING WHEN YOU MELT ME WITH KINDNESS.
O...OH, I SEE...
MY WORD, WHAT HAVOC HAVE I BEEN WREAKING ...?
NOPE, THAT'S HOW SHE NORMALLY TALKS.

MUCH OBLIGED FOR THE RESCUE.
I WOULD'VE BEEN IN A SPOT IF IT HELD SWAY OVER ME ANY LONGER.
I'M SORRY, I AM!!
'TWOULD SEEM I'VE BEEN A NUISANCE.
NOW YOU WON'T HAVE TO WALK AROUND WITH ALL THAT DANGEROUS STUFF.
NO PROBLEM...
TO PROTECT MY GRAMPS'S SWORD AND KNIFE COLLECTION FROM THE DEBT COLLECTORS, I MOVED HERE ALONE WITH THE WHOLE LOT.
THE FAMILY BUSINESS WENT TO RUIN.
HOW'D YOU GET THIS SWORD?
YOU KNOW... LIKE THE KNIVES UNDER YOUR SKIRT.
"DANGEROUS STUFF," YOU SAY?
.....
THIS ONE WAS THE FAVORITE SWORD OF A FAMOUS YOUKAI HUNTER..
WHEN I WAS PUTTING IT IN ORDER ...
NOPE, THAT'S WHAT SHE NORMALLY WALKS AROUND WITH.
'TIS MY CUSTOM TO CARRY THESE WITH ME.
DOES THIS HAPPEN TO YOU A LOT!?
AH, 'TIS A COMMON TALE.

I'M GLAD EVERY-THING TURNED OUT OKAY.
YESTERDAY WAS NUTS.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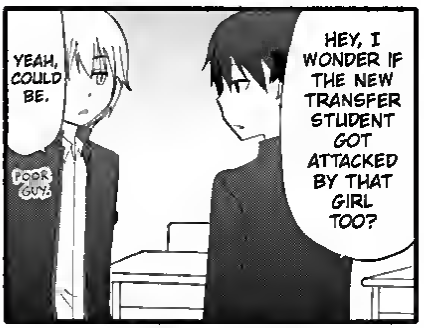
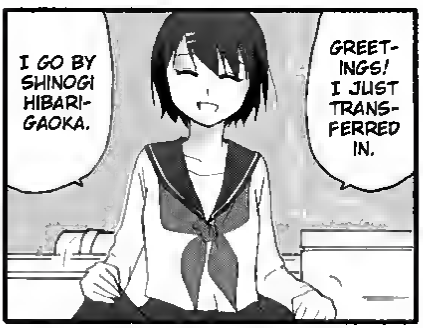
SO I'M IN THE HABIT OF KEEPING AS MANY OF THEM ON MY PERSON AS I CAN.
I'D BE BESIDE MYSELF IF A DEBT COLLECTOR SNUCK INTO MY HOME AND MADE OFF WITH THEM.


YEAH, COULD BE.
POOR GUY.
HEY, I WONDER IF THE NEW TRANSFER STUDENT GOT ATTACKED BY THAT GIRL TOO?

I HOPE.
TMP
DON'T FRET NOW. I SHAN'T BE GOING AFTER ANY MORE YOUKAI!!

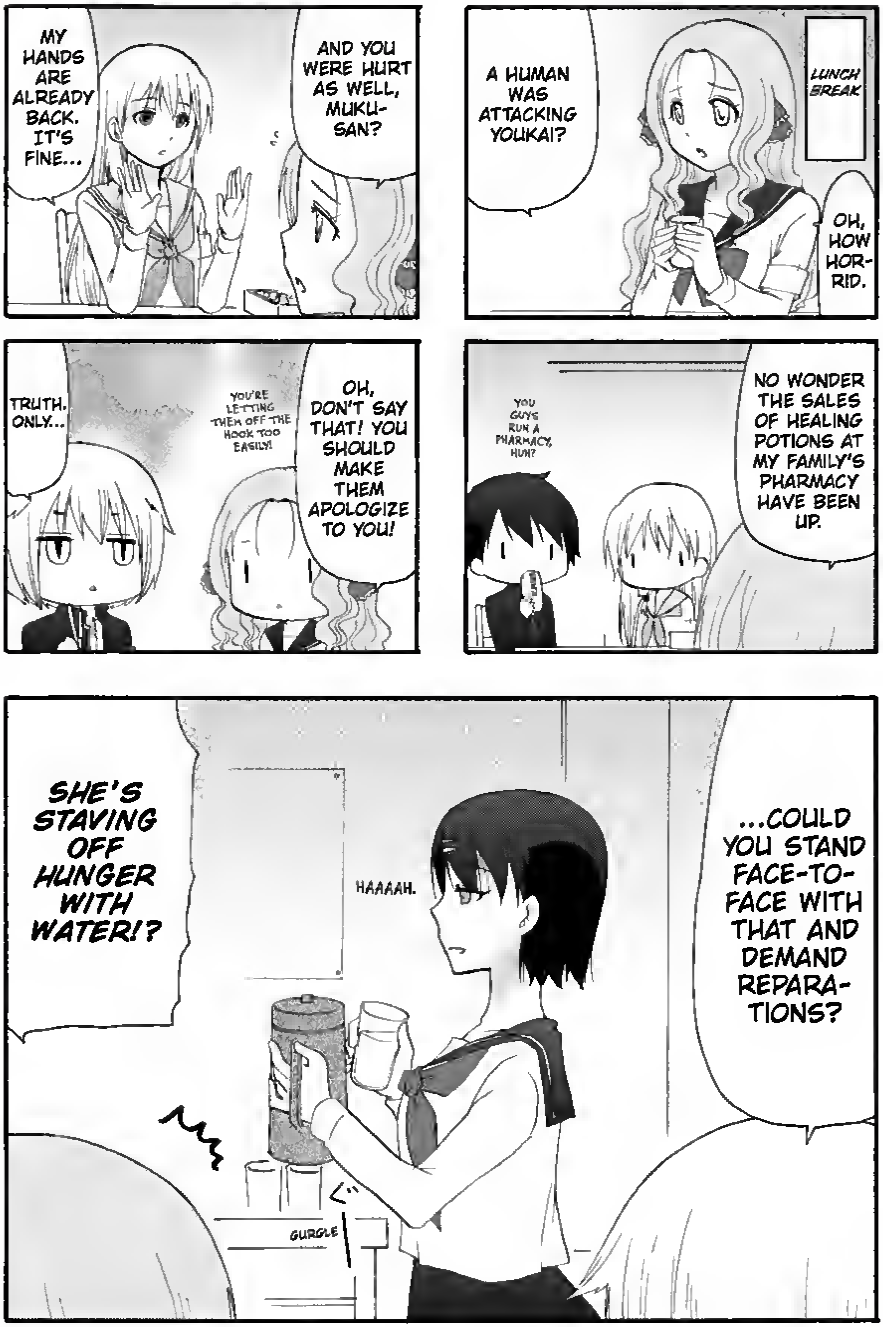

I GO BY SHINOGI HIBARI-GAOKA.
GREET-INGS! I JUST TRANS-FERRED IN.

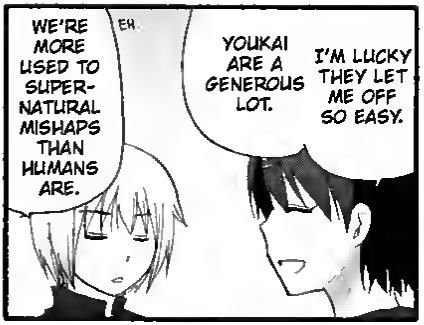
MUKU... SHOULD YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT HER?
TILL WE MEET AGAIN!!

SHE WAS THE TRANSFER STUDENT...
I'M IN YOUR HANDS!

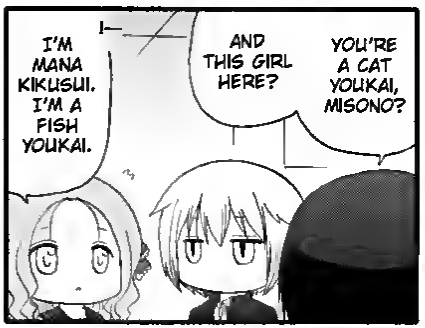
RIGHT ...
I HAVEN'T BEEN ASKED TO...

SEASON : 13

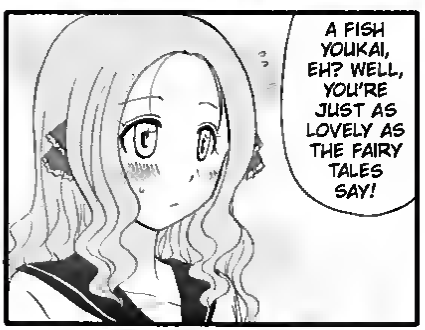

MY HANDS ARE ALREADY BACK. IT'S FINE...
AND YOU WERE HURT AS WELL, MUKU-SAN?
A HUMAN WAS ATTACKING YOUKAI?
LUNCH BREAK
OH, HOW HORRID.
TRUTH. ONLY...
YOU'RE LETTING THEM OFF THE HOOK TOO EASILY!
OH, DON'T SAY THAT! YOU SHOULD MAKE THEM APOLOGIZE TO YOU!
YOU GUYS RUN A PHARMACY, HUH?
NO WONDER THE SALES OF HEALING POTIONS AT MY FAMILY'S PHARMACY HAVE BEEN UP.
SHE'S STAVING OFF HUNGER WITH WATER!?
HAAAAH.
GURGLE
...COULD YOU STAND FACE-TO-FACE WITH THAT AND DEMAND REPARA-TIONS?


WE'RE MORE USED TO SUPER-NATURAL MISHAPS THAN HUMANS ARE.
EH.
YOUKAI ARE A GENEROUS LOT.
I'M LUCKY THEY LET ME OFF SO EASY.

THANK YOU KINDLY.
I OUGHT TO BE BEGGING FORGIVE-NESS, AND HERE YOU ARE FEEDING ME.


I'M MANA KIKUSUI. I'M A FISH YOUKAI.
I—
AND THIS GIRL HERE?
YOU'RE A CAT YOUKAI, MISONO?

I HAD PLENTY TO KEEP MY STOMACH FULL FOR A FAIR SPELL.
HIBARI-GAOKA-SAN, ARE YOU THAT BROKE?


A FISH YOUKAI, EH? WELL, YOU'RE JUST AS LOVELY AS THE FAIRY TALES SAY!

AND AFTER PAYING SCHOOL FEES...
SHIROISHI WOULDN'T HAVE IT, THOUGH.
BUT I USED IT TO PAY THE DOCTOR BILLS FOR THOSE I ATTACKED WHEN I WAS POSSESSED.

EEEEK!
WONDER WHAT PRICE YOU'D FETCH FROM A MERMAID FANATIC?

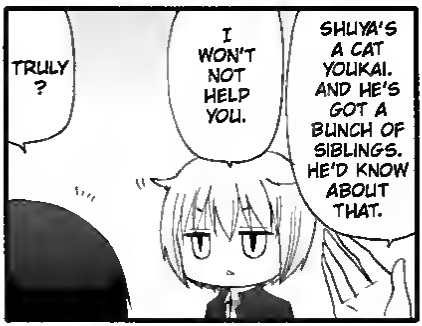
O-OH...
BAMM
...NOW I'M PLENTY IN THE RED!!

YOU WORK?
I HOPE
I CAN RAISE THE MONEY FROM MY JOB.

THAT IS NOT FUNNY!
'TWAS BUT A PAUPER'S JEST.
APOLOGIES

CAT?
MY LANDLADY ASKED THAT I FIND HER CAT.

FUKU-ZUMI, RIGHT? I'LL HOLD YOU TO YOUR PROMISE.
BUT I'LL HELP IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO.
WE CAN'T SELL KIKUSUI-SAN.


TRULY ?
I WON'T NOT HELP YOU.
SHUYA'S A CAT YOUKAI. AND HE'S GOT A BUNCH OF SIBLINGS. HE'D KNOW ABOUT THAT.

GIVE ME MONEY.

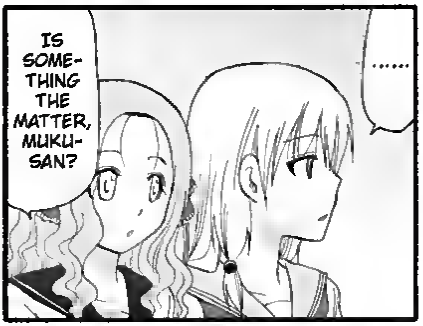
CUT THE CRAP !!!!
I'LL GIVE HIM TO MY LANDLADY
THEN GIVE ME A CAT.

I'M PULLING YOUR LEG.

WHAT IS IT, SHIRO-ISH!?
...UM...

'COS YOU'RE NOT FUNNY!!
'TWOULD SEEM MY HUMOR IS ILL RECEIVED.

IT COULD GET HURT...
NO KNIVES AROUND CATS...


IS SOME-THING THE MATTER, MUKU-SAN?
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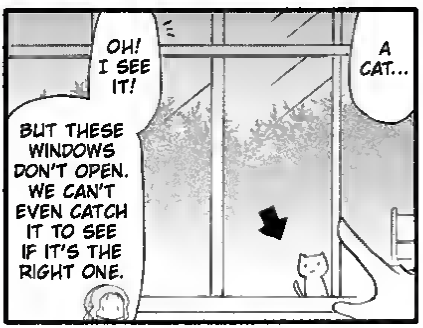
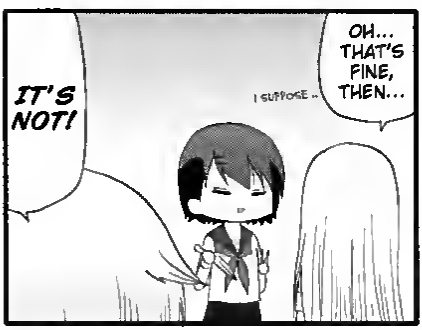
THIS KNIFE'S FOR BREAKING THE WINDOW, NAUGHT MORE.
DON'T FRET.


A CAT...
OH! I SEE IT!
BUT THESE WINDOWS DON'T OPEN. WE CAN'T EVEN CATCH IT TO SEE IF IT'S THE RIGHT ONE.


IT'S NOT!
I SUPPOSE...
OH... THAT'S FINE, THEN...

!!?
SHINK
HERE WE GO!

THE WRONG CAT, WAS IT?
HE SAYS HE'S NOT YOUR LAND-LADY'S CAT.
SMAAAASH
AND I'LL HAVE TO MAKE AMENDS FOR THE WINDOW...
I'LL BE LEFT WITHOUT A WAGE ...
FLINCH
POP
LO, CAT...
CRUNCH
'COS YOU BRING IT ON YOUR-SELF?
WHY DOES MIS-FORTUNE FALL UPON ME SO?
OH YES, THERE IS!!
THERE'S NAUGHT TO BE FRIGHT-ENED OF NOW!

SHE'S A UNIQUE ONE...
GEEZ.
.....
DO I TRULY?
SEEMS FUN, BEING HUMAN...
.....
YOU CAN'T WIN THEM ALL!
ALAS!
G-GOOD LUCK!!
WELL, I'LL BE OFF NOW.
KIKUSUI HATES HUMANS, AND SHE'S COVERING FOR THEM!
MUKU-SAN!!
THERE ARE FAR BETTER HUMANS OUT THERE, REMEMBER!?
YOU NEVER ASKED !!?
I SHALL ASK MY LANDLADY WHAT HER CAT LOOKS LIKE!

SEASON : 14

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PLOP
ぼと
PLOP
MEEEOW!
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RUSTLE
THEY ALWAYS RUN AWAY FROM ME (BECAUSE I'M COLD)!
BUT THESE ONES JUMPED RIGHT ONTO ME!
MUKU
TREMBLING
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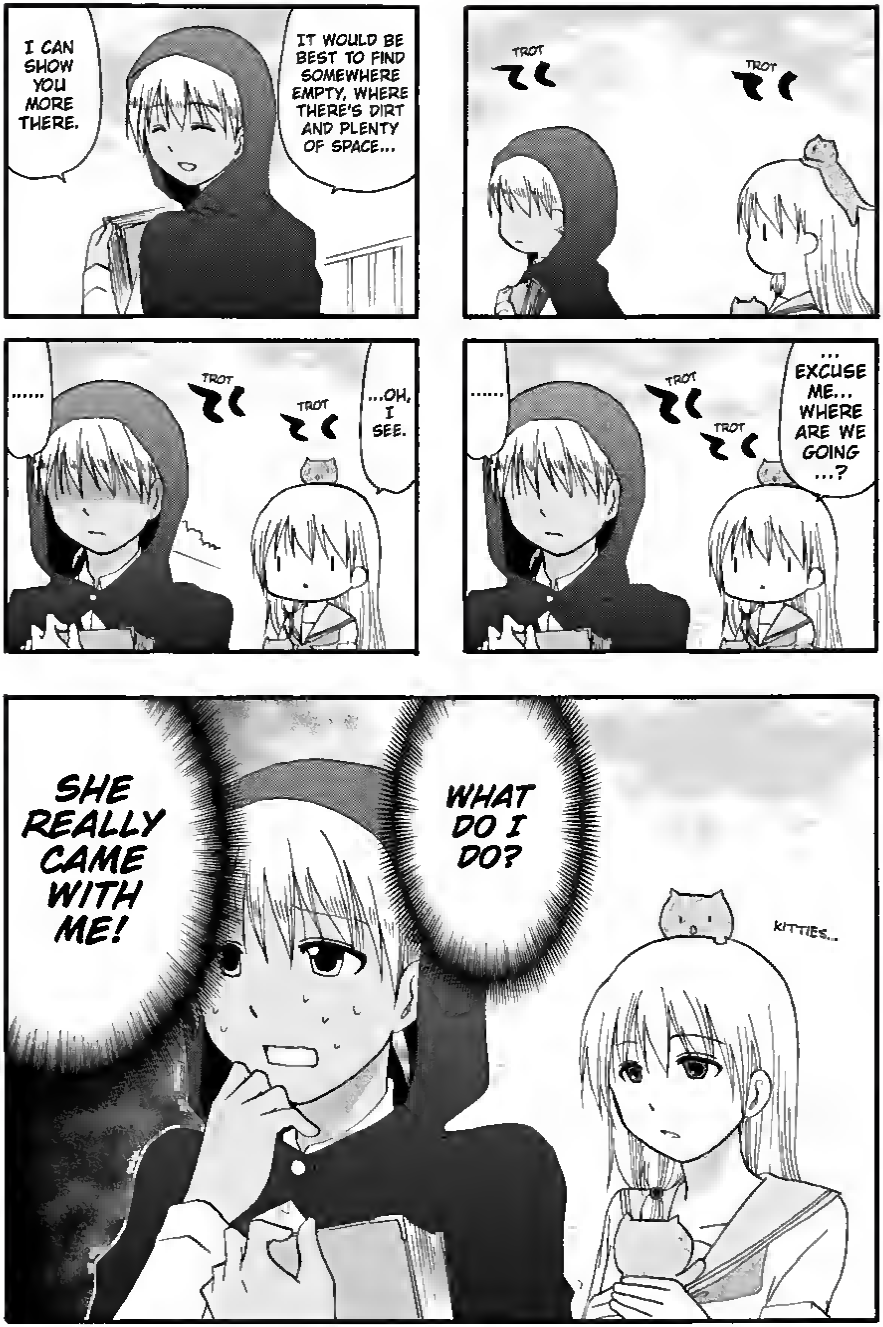
C...
CATS ...
SHIROISHI
TREMBLING
ぶる
(WITH JOY)
CUTE, AREN'T THEY?

WOULD YOU LIKE ONE?

WOULD YOU LIKE ONE?

My Monster Girl's Too Cool For You


I CAN SHOW YOU MORE THERE.
IT WOULD BE BEST TO FIND SOMEWHERE EMPTY, WHERE THERE'S DIRT AND PLENTY OF SPACE...
TROT
TROT
.....
TROT
TROT
...OH, I SEE.
.....
TROT
TROT
...EXCUSE ME... WHERE ARE WE GOING ...?
SHE REALLY CAME WITH ME!
WHAT DO I DO?
KITTIES..

I NEED FUNDS FOR MY MASTER!!
YOU CAN DO IT, ME!
ERK!
CAN I GO THROUGH WITH IT?
I AM ABOUT TO DO A TERRIBLE THING...
BUT IT'S TOO LATE TO TURN BACK.
A—
ACTUALLY, THESE KITTENS ARE FAKES. THEY'RE MADE OF DIRT.
I HAVE TO PUSH ON, EVEN IF IT MEANS HURTING SOMEONE!
I HAVE TO EXUDE CONFIDENCE TO KEEP HER FROM GROWING SUSPI-CIOUS!!
I'LL JUST HAVE TO DO IT.
GLARE
I LET YOU DOWN, DIDN'T I?
FAKES..
I'M SO SORRY!!
I'M REALLY SORRY!!
.....?
I-I'M SORRY...

MUKU'S STRONG AS AN OX.
MAAAN.
THP
THP
REMEMBER WHEN SHE WAS UP AGAINST HIBARIGAOKA-SAN, WHEN SHE WAS POSSESSED BY THAT SWORD?
MUKU BEAT HER IN NO TIME FLAT.
THE GIRL'S A FORCE TO BE RECK-ONED WITH.
NO DUH. SHE'S THE KID OF THE NORTHERN YOUKAI CHIEF.
AND YET YOU AND YOUR BURNING LOVE MAKE HER MELT.
I CAN MAKE OTHER ANIMALS TOO!
THEY ARE NO DIFFERENT FROM ORDINARY CATS.
THEY'RE A STEAL AT 300 YEN EACH!!
RISE
BUT, UM, YOU SEE? AS LONG AS I HAVE DIRT, I CAN CREATE AS MANY AS YOU LIKE!!
RISE
SO CUTE...
MEooow!
...YES...
..YOU'RE RIGHT
WHAT KIND OF PERSON WOULD DOUBLE-CROSS SOMEONE WITH A HEART OF GOLD...?
SHE'S FEIGNING INTEREST SO SHE WON'T HURT MY FEELINGS.
LOOM
BUT STILL... I'M SORRY!!

MUKU!?
SHE'S UNCONSCIOUS.
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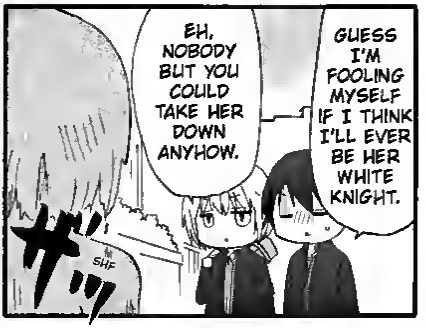
SLUMP


EH, NOBODY BUT YOU COULD TAKE HER DOWN ANYHOW.
GUESS I'M FOOLING MYSELF IF I THINK I'LL EVER BE HER WHITE KNIGHT.
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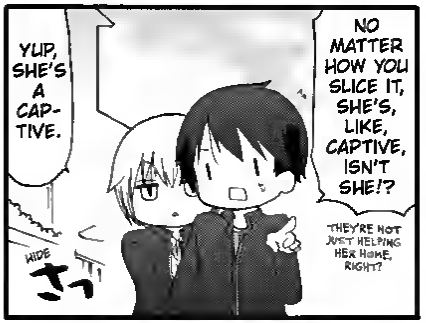
YUP, SHE'S A CAPTIVE.
NO MATTER HOW YOU SLICE IT, SHE'S, LIKE, CAPTIVE, ISN'T SHE!?
THEY'RE NOT JUST HELPING HER HOME, RIGHT?
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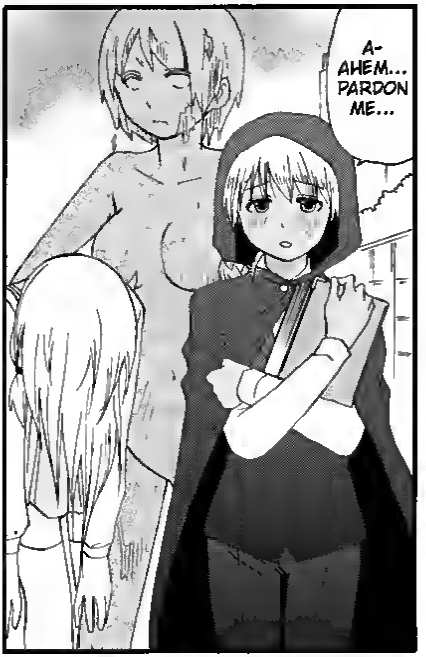
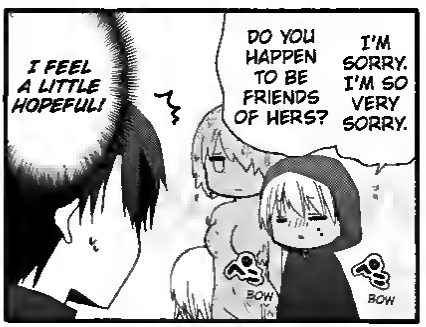

A-AHEM... PARDON ME...

BUT THIS IS SOMEBODY STRONG ENOUGH TO TAKE DOWN MUKU.
I GOTTA SAVE HER!
CAN I BEAT 'EM!?
CAT
HUMAN

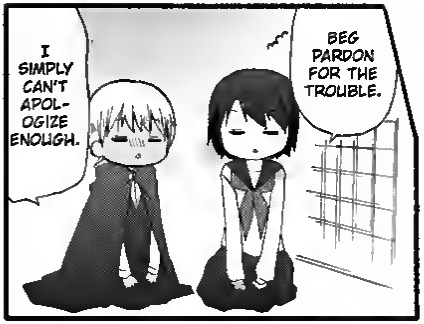

I FEEL A LITTLE HOPEFUL!
DO YOU HAPPEN TO BE FRIENDS OF HERS?
I'M SORRY. I'M SO VERY SORRY.
BOW
BOW

SHE'S DOWN...

THOUGH I MANAGED TO TAKE HER BY SURPRISE ...
I MUST ADMIT, I'M RELIEVED TO RUN INTO HER FRIENDS.
MY NAME IS JYUNON SUSUKINO.
I-I'M PLEASED TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE !!
YOU NEED TO PLAN BETTER.
...I WASN'T SURE WHO TO ASK FOR THE RANSOM MONEY.
IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO ABDUCT THIS YOUNG LADY TODAY.
I-I DABBLE A BIT IN BLACK MAGIC.
...WITH HER PARENTS?
DON'T YOU THINK YOU SHOULD NEGOTIATE ...
IN ANY CASE, I HOPE WE CAN STRIKE A DEAL.
...SHOULD A KIDNAPPER BE GIVING OUT HIS NAME?
WITH THAT SAID, I WAS HOPING TO COLLECT A RANSOM.
DUMB AS A ROCK.
OH, I COULD NEVER PUT HER PARENTS THROUGH SUCH WORRY!!
HOW DUMB IS THIS GUY?
AH!

O-OH NO, I COULDN'T ASK YOU TO GO OUT OF YOUR WAY...
I'VE GOT SOME SAVINGS AND STUFF AT HOME!!
HANG ON!!
HOLD UP A SEC!!
MONEY, MONEY...
U-UHH...
A-A-ANYWAY, I NEED THE RANSOM IN CASH, PLEASE!!
YOU BET!
I-IS THAT SO...?
LET ME PAY A LITTLE MORE!!
I DON'T WANT IT TO SEEM LIKE MUKU'S WORTH SO LITTLE!!
MY FOLKS ARE BROKE, MAN.
HOW 'BOUT YOU?
GUH! DON'T GOT MUCH ON ME...
...4,500 YEN PLEASE.
TH-THEN...
...WE ONLY HAVE ABOUT 3,500 YEN BETWEEN US RIGHT NOW...
SORRY...
WHAT KINDA HAG-GLING IS THIS !!!!?
SHAVE A LI'L OFF FOR ME!!
MUKU'S GOING FOR CHEAP !!!!
WE'LL TAKE IT.

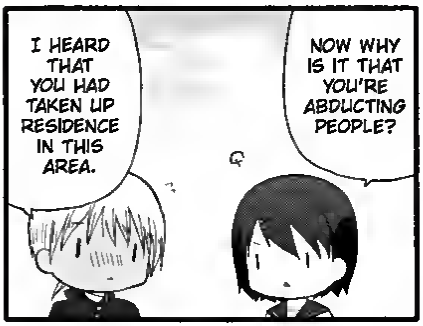
MISS GOLEM!
UMM, UMM!
KRIK
KRIK
KRIK
UMM, UMM ...
VERY WELL .....
WHOA!
TAKE THEM HOSTAGE!!
RUSH
だっ
バチィ
CRACK
MEEP!
A-A FEMALE GOLEM ...?
I'M SORRY! I'M SO SORRY!
D-D-D-D-DID I PERHAPS ...
YOU OKAY HUH?
....
I'VE NEVER SEEN IT IN PERSON!
THAT'S WHAT YOU APOLOGIZE FOR!?
I'M SORRY MY PORTRAYAL OF THE FEMALE FORM IS SOMEWHAT INACCURATE!
I TOLD YOU TO PLAN BETTER.
PICK THE WRONG PERSON TO KIDNAP ...?
CRUSH

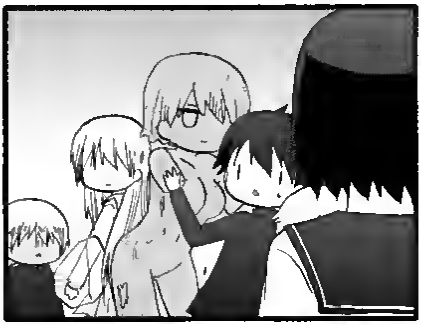

I SIMPLY CAN'T APOL-OGIZE ENOUGH.
BEG PARDON FOR THE TROUBLE.

CREAK
CREAK
H—
HUH?
THIS GOLEM LOOKS FAMILIAR ...

WHEN THE FAMILY BUSINESS WENT BANKRUPT AND WE COULD NO LONGER PAY HIM A WAGE, WE RELEASED HIM OF HIS DUTIES.
JYUNON HAS BEEN MY BOON COMPANION EVER SINCE MY FATHER PICKED HIM UP OVERSEAS.

WHY ALL THE FUSS?
GOOD DAY, ALL!
TMP
TMP


I HEARD THAT YOU HAD TAKEN UP RESIDENCE IN THIS AREA.
NOW WHY IS IT THAT YOU'RE ABDUCTING PEOPLE?

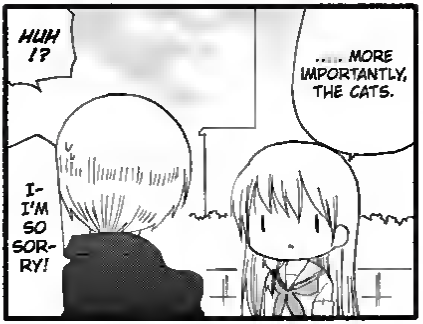


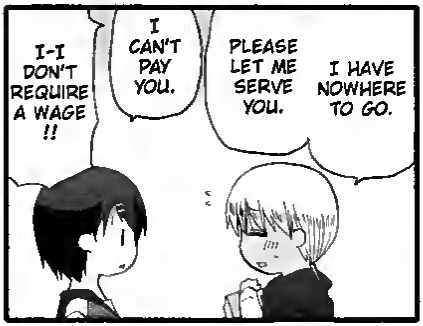
THAT'S EXACTLY WHERE I FIND MYSELF, YES.
I WANTED TO RAISE WHAT LITTLE I COULD
I WAS SURE THAT YOU WOULD BE POSSESSED BY SOMETHING ONCE AGAIN AND BE LEFT PENNILESS...

SHI-NOGI-SAMA-AAAA!
JYUNON!!

IT'S OKAY ...
MY SINCEREST APOLOGIES.
I'VE BEEN TERRIBLY WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN ONE TO GO ON THE RAMPAGE ONCE YOU SET YOUR MIND ON SOMETHING.
...YET YOU WERE KIND ENOUGH TO HUMOR ME ANYWAY.
I ACTED SO SUSPICIOUSLY...
... JYUNON.
I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU AGAIN...
....
YOU MUST BE FURIOUS.
AND THEN I HAD THE GALL TO ATTACK YOU FROM BEHIND.
THIS GUY ...
I'VE MISSED YOU TOO!
SOB
SHISHINOGISAMA!
SHE BELIEVED ME FROM THE BOTTOM OF HER HEART!
?
YOU WERE ACTING SUSPICIOUS ...?
HE'S KINDA CREEPY...
TRULY NOW?
IT WAS ALL I COULD DO TO FIGHT OFF THE LONELINESS BY CREATING GOLEMS IN YOUR IMAGE.

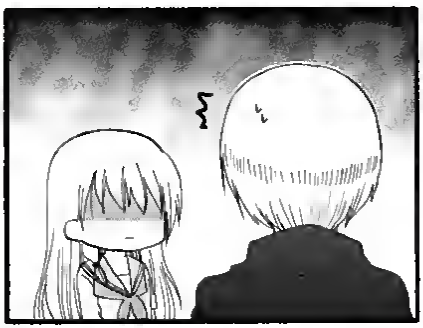
U—
UM …
WHAT WILL YOU OCCUPY YOURSELF WITH NOW, JYUNON?

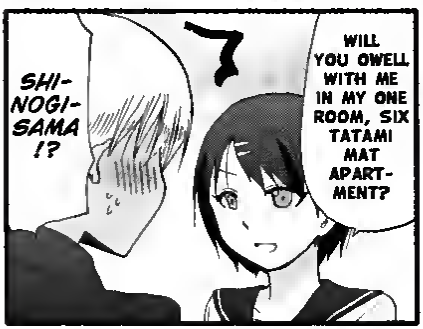

HUH!?
I-I'M SO SORRY!
…… MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE CATS.

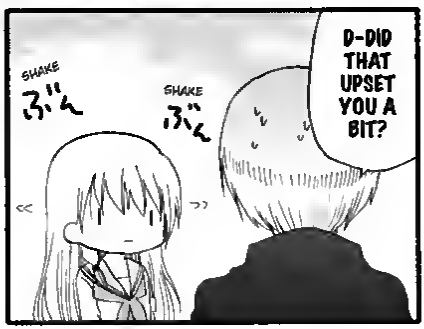

I-I DON'T REQUIRE A WAGE!!
I CAN'T PAY YOU.
PLEASE LET ME SERVE YOU.
I HAVE NOWHERE TO GO.

I CAN'T SELL THEM.
THEY LOSE THEIR FORM IF THEY'RE TOO FAR AWAY FROM ME.
I LIED WHEN I SAID THEY'RE NO DIFFERENT FROM OTHER CATS.
I FIBBED ON THE FLY.

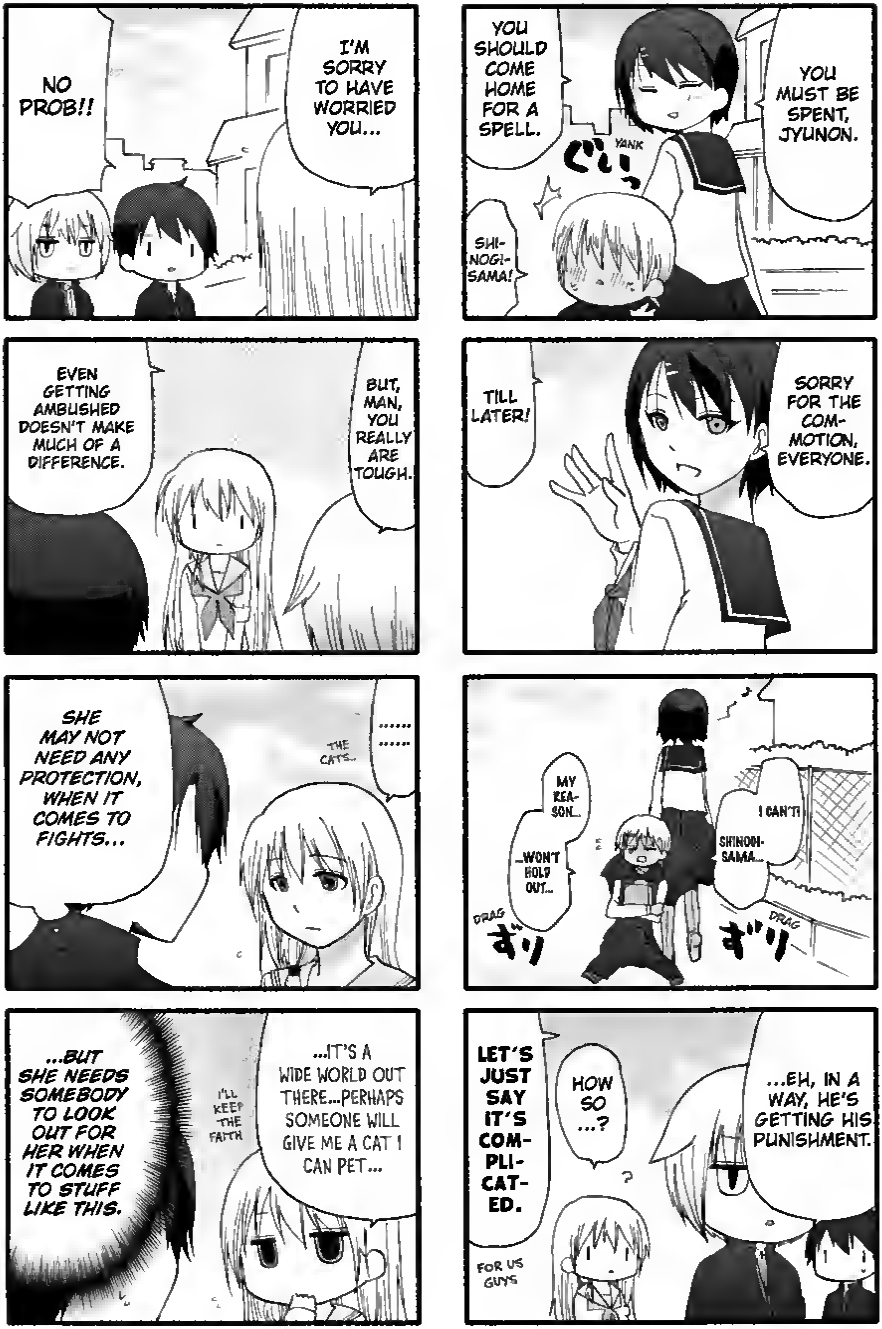
SHI-NOGI-SAMA!
ALL RIGHT.
LEAVING YOU TO FEND FOR YOURSELF DOESN'T SIT RIGHT WITH ME.




SHI-NOGI-SAMA!?
WILL YOU OWELL WITH ME IN MY ONE ROOM, SIX TATAMI MAT APART-MENT?


SHAKE
SHAKE
D-DID THAT UPSET YOU A BIT?

I WANT TO BE WITH YOU!
YOU DON'T WANT TO BE WITH ME?
I'M A PAUPER, I AM.
WITH YOU?
A-A ONE ROOM APARTMENT ...?
SORRY
YES, I DO!
YOU DON'T WISH TO SEE ME DIS-ROBED?
I WANT TO, BUT THERE'S CHANGING CLOTHES AND TAKING BATHS TO CONSIDER!!
DO YOU NOW? THANK YOU KINDLY.
I DO CERTAINLY A-ADORE YOU, BUT .....
SHI-SHI-NOGI-SAMA.
HMM ...
B-BUT THERE ARE..... SLEEPING ARRANGE-MENTS TOO...
I COULDN'T LIVE IN ONE ROOM WITH YOU...
WITH BOTH OF THEM SO ODD, THAT'S NEVER GONNA GET SETTLED.
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN AN ODD FELLOW, JYUNON.
AH! HA! HA!
YES, BUT WE CAN'T!!
?
IF YOU LIKE ME, SHOULD WE NOT STICK TOGETHER ?


I'M SORRY TO HAVE WORRIED YOU...
NO PROB!!
YOU MUST BE SPENT, JYUNON.
YOU SHOULD COME HOME FOR A SPELL.
YANK
SHI-NOGI-SAMA!
BUT, MAN, YOU REALLY ARE TOUGH.
EVEN GETTING AMBUSHED DOESN'T MAKE MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE.
SORRY FOR THE COM-MOTION, EVERYONE.
TILL LATER!
.....
.....
THE CATS...
SHE MAY NOT NEED ANY PROTECTION, WHEN IT COMES TO FIGHTS...
I CAN'T!
SHINOBI-SAMA...
...WON'T HOLD OUT...
MY REA-SON...
DRAG
DRAG
...IT'S A WIDE WORLD OUT THERE...PERHAPS SOMEONE WILL GIVE ME A CAT I CAN PET...
I'LL KEEP THE FAITH
...BUT SHE NEEDS SOMEBODY TO LOOK OUT FOR HER WHEN IT COMES TO STUFF LIKE THIS.
...EH, IN A WAY, HE'S GETTING HIS PUNISHMENT.
HOW SO ...?
LET'S JUST SAY IT'S COM-PLI-CAT-ED.
FOR US GUYS

SHINOGI HIBARIGAOKA
THE LONGER THE SKIRT, THE MORE UNIQUE IT WOULD FEEL WHEN IT FLIPS UP, I THOUGHT. SO THAT'S WHAT PROMPTED ME TO GIVE HER A LONG SKIRT...AND TO KEEP IT FROM FEELING INDECENT, I MADE HER AN OBLIVIOUS SIMPLETON WITH A GOOD UPBRINGING.
MM...
WHAT KIND OF BUSINESS DID YOUR FAMILY RUN...?
OH.....! I'M SORRY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO.
IT'S A BIT HARD TO SAY...
HARD TO SAY. LITER-ALLY.
IT WAS A SAH..... SUH..... SEH-CRI..... .....SEH-KYOORITY BUSINESS.

JYUNON SUSUKINO
SINCE HIGH SCHOOL IS THE SETTING FOR THIS STORY, I WANTED TO INCLUDE SOMEONE STRUGGLING WITH THE HEIGHT OF PUBERTY. MY OWN TEENAGE YEARS WERE SO LONG AGO THAT I MIGHT BE MISTAKING IT WITH SOMETHING ELSE.
WAH!
MY CLOTHES ARE ALL IN THE WASH.
FORGIVE ME, JYUNON. I HAD NAUGHT TO WEAR, SO I BORROWED YOUR SHIRT.
THANK YOU!
PREPOSTEROUS, SHINOGI-SAMA! PLEASE DO NOT WEAR MY SHIRT ON YOUR BARE SKIN! I'LL HARDLY KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT!
PLEASE, NO!
THANK YOU!!
OH DEAR. SHALL I DISROBE, THEN?
IT'LL BE CHILLY.

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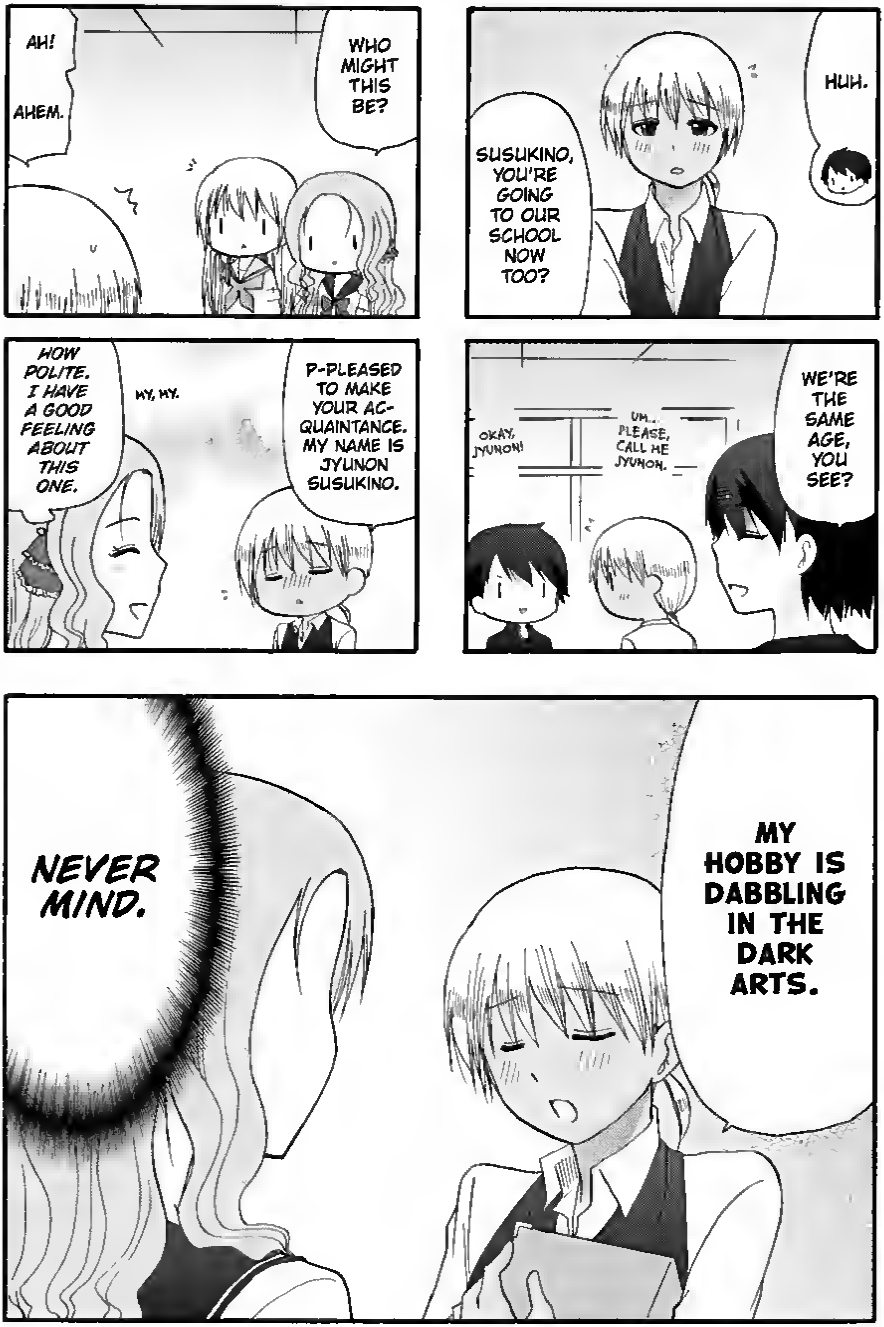
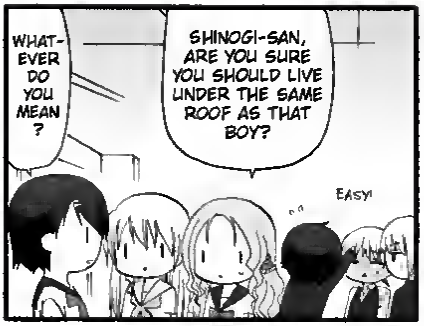
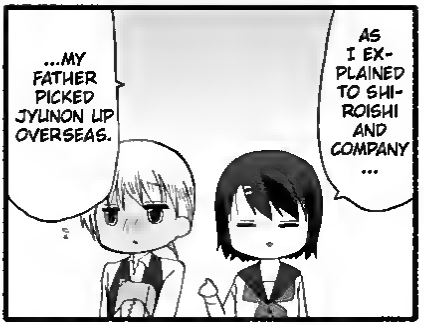
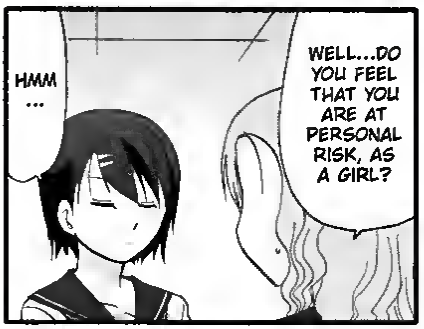
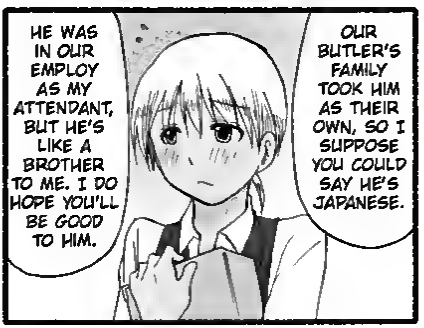

AH!
AHEM.
WHO MIGHT THIS BE?
HUH.
SUSUKINO, YOU'RE GOING TO OUR SCHOOL NOW TOO?
HOW POLITE. I HAVE A GOOD FEELING ABOUT THIS ONE.
MY, MY.
P-PLEASED TO MAKE YOUR AC-QUAINTANCE. MY NAME IS JYUNON SUSUKINO.
OKAY, JYUNON!
UM., PLEASE, CALL ME JYUNON.
WE'RE THE SAME AGE, YOU SEE?
NEVER MIND.
MY HOBBY IS DABBLING IN THE DARK ARTS.

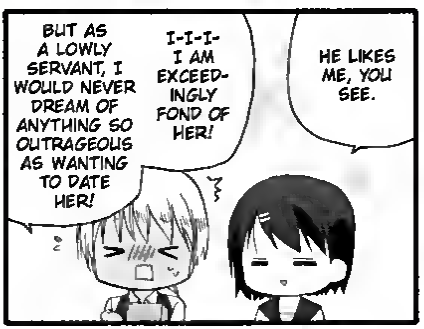

WHAT-EVER DO YOU MEAN?
SHINOGI-SAN, ARE YOU SURE YOU SHOULD LIVE UNDER THE SAME ROOF AS THAT BOY?
EASY!

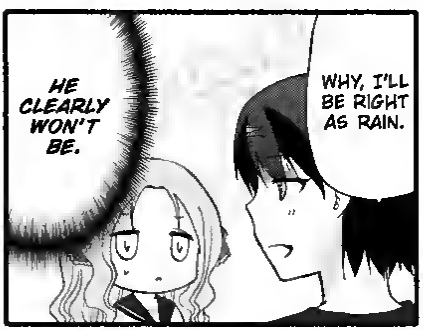

...MY FATHER PICKED JYUNON UP OVERSEAS.
AS I EX-PLAINED TO SHI-ROISHI AND COMPANY ...

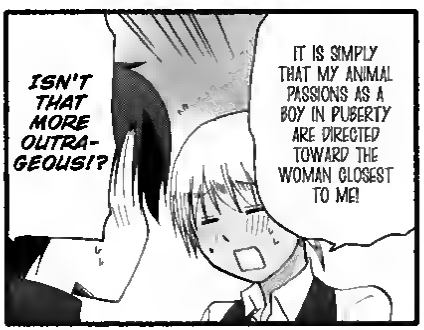

HMM ...
WELL...DO YOU FEEL THAT YOU ARE AT PERSONAL RISK, AS A GIRL?

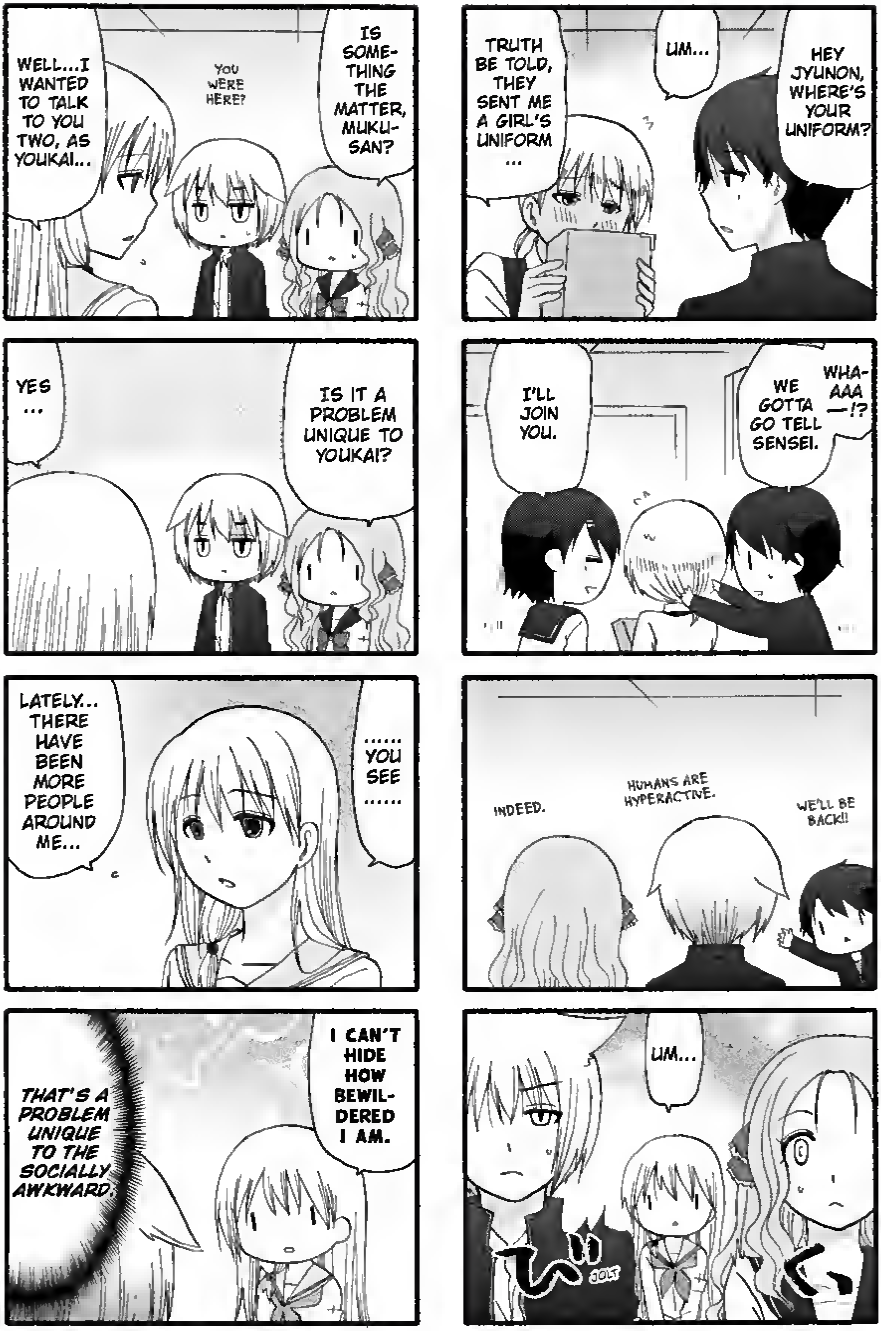

HE WAS IN OUR EMPLOY AS MY ATTENDANT, BUT HE'S LIKE A BROTHER TO ME. I DO HOPE YOU'LL BE GOOD TO HIM.
OUR BUTLER'S FAMILY TOOK HIM AS THEIR OWN, SO I SUPPOSE YOU COULD SAY HE'S JAPANESE.

...I'LL BE CHANGING CLOTHES IN FRONT OF HIM, LYING DOWN TO REST IN THE SAME FUTON AS HIM...
WE'LL BE LIVING UNDER THE SAME ROOF, PARTAKING OF THE SAME MEALS...

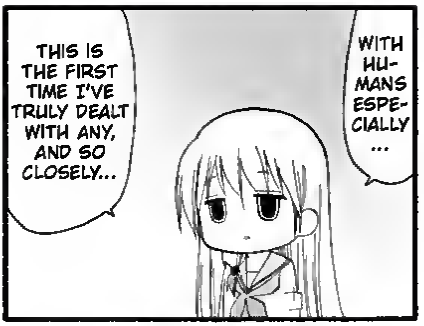

BUT AS A LOWLY SERVANT, I WOULD NEVER DREAM OF ANYTHING SO OUTRAGEOUS AS WANTING TO DATE HER!
I-I-I-I AM EXCEED-INGLY FOND OF HER!
HE LIKES ME, YOU SEE.

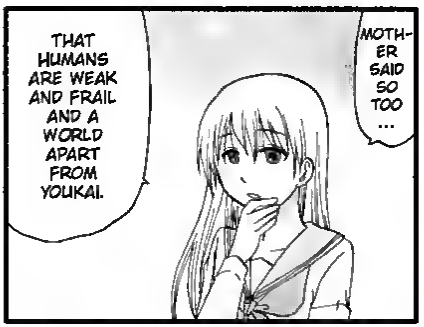

HE CLEARLY WON'T BE.
WHY, I'LL BE RIGHT AS RAIN.

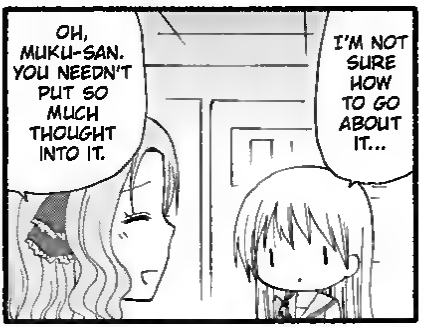

ISN'T THAT MORE OUTRA-GEOUS!?
IT IS SIMPLY THAT MY ANIMAL PASSIONS AS A BOY IN PUBERTY ARE DIRECTED TOWARD THE WOMAN CLOSEST TO ME!

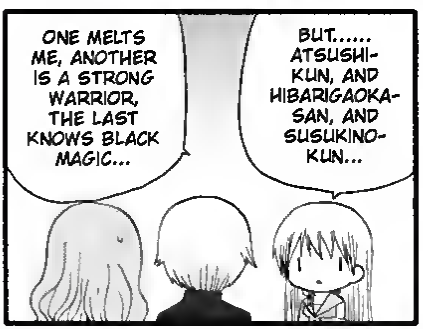

WELL...I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU TWO, AS YOUKAI...
YOU WERE HERE?
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER, MUKU-SAN?
TRUTH BE TOLD, THEY SENT ME A GIRL'S UNIFORM ...
UM...
HEY JYUNON, WHERE'S YOUR UNIFORM?
YES ...
IS IT A PROBLEM UNIQUE TO YOUKAI?
I'LL JOIN YOU.
WE GOTTA GO TELL SENSEI.
WHA-AAA —!?
LATELY... THERE HAVE BEEN MORE PEOPLE AROUND ME...
..... YOU SEE .....
INDEED.
HUMANS ARE HYPERACTIVE.
WE'LL BE BACK!!
I CAN'T HIDE HOW BEWIL-DERED I AM.
THAT'S A PROBLEM UNIQUE TO THE SOCIALLY AWKWARD.
UM...
JOLT

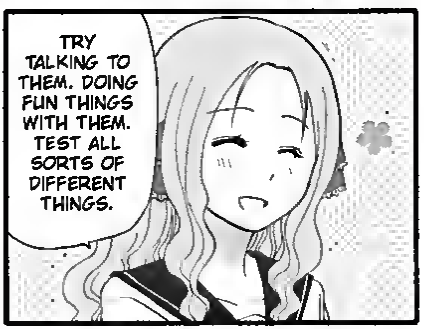
I'M PROLLY WEAKER THAN HUMANS.
HUMANS ARE MUCH MORE FRAGILE THAN YOUKAI!
OKAY, THERE ARE SOME EXCEP-TIONS!!

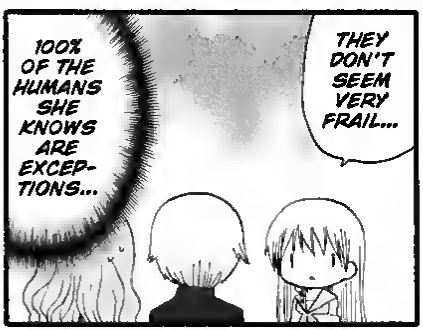

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE TRULY DEALT WITH ANY, AND SO CLOSELY...
WITH HU-MANS ESPE-CIALLY ...


THAT HUMANS ARE WEAK AND FRAIL AND A WORLD APART FROM YOUKAI.
MOTH-ER SAID SO TOO ...

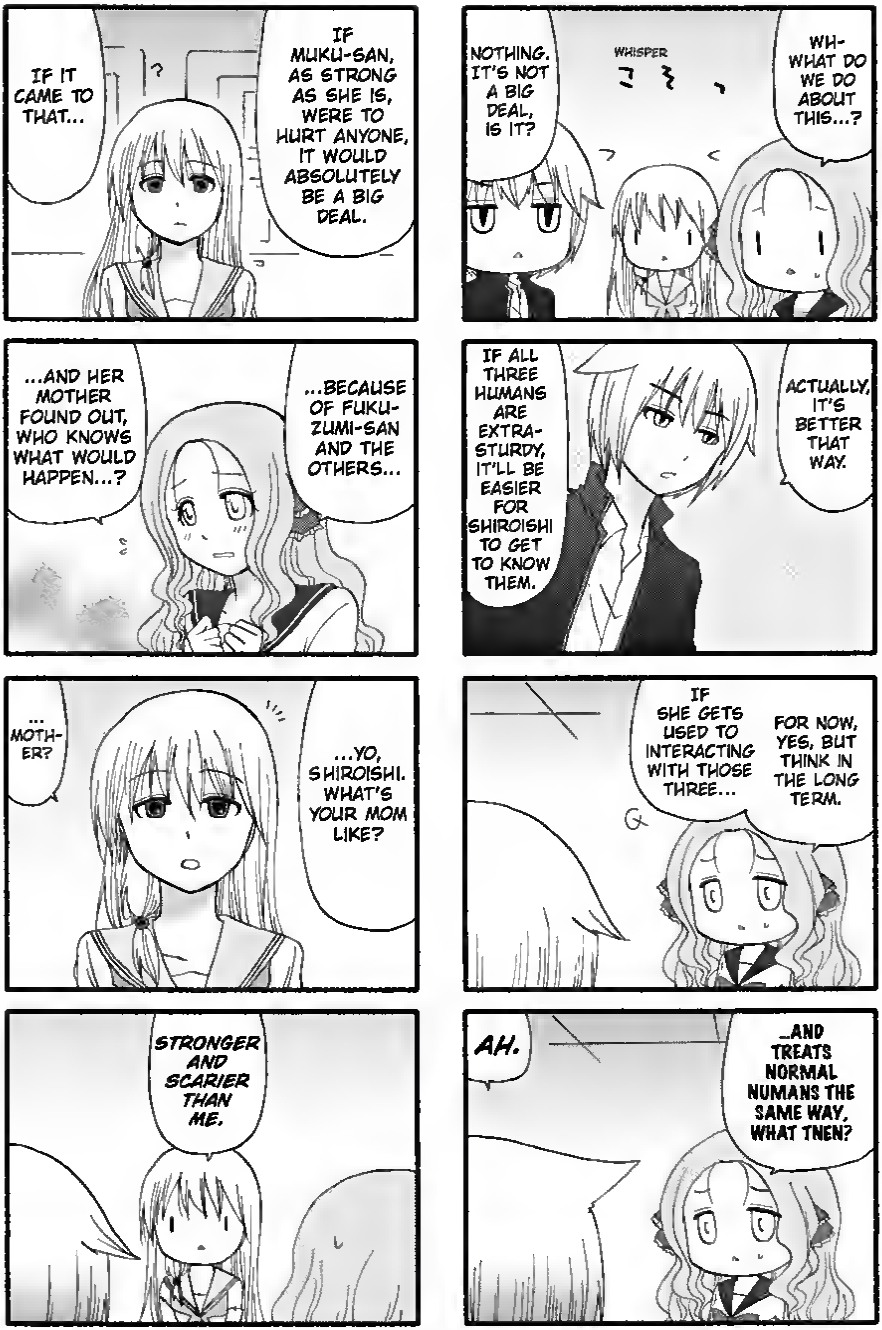

OH, MUKU-SAN. YOU NEEDN'T PUT SO MUCH THOUGHT INTO IT.
I'M NOT SURE HOW TO GO ABOUT IT...


ONE MELTS ME, ANOTHER IS A STRONG WARRIOR, THE LAST KNOWS BLACK MAGIC...
BUT..... ATSUSHI-KUN, AND HIBARIGAOKA-SAN, AND SUSUKINO-KUN...


TRY TALKING TO THEM. DOING FUN THINGS WITH THEM. TEST ALL SORTS OF DIFFERENT THINGS.


100% OF THE HUMANS SHE KNOWS ARE EXCEP-TIONS...
THEY DON'T SEEM VERY FRAIL...

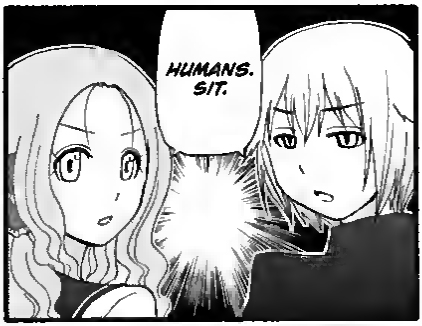
BECAUSE I'M AFRAID OF THAT
THAT IS NOT SOME-THING YOU SHOULD BE TESTING.
RIGHT NOW, I WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT IT TAKES TO KILL THEM.

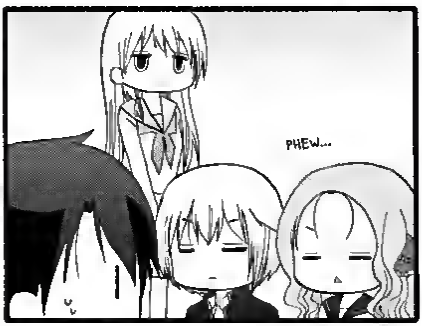

IF IT CAME TO THAT...
IF MUKU-SAN, AS STRONG AS SHE IS, WERE TO HURT ANYONE, IT WOULD ABSOLUTELY BE A BIG DEAL.
NOTHING. IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL, IS IT?
WHISPER
WH-WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT THIS...?
...AND HER MOTHER FOUND OUT, WHO KNOWS WHAT WOULD HAPPEN...?
...BECAUSE OF FUKU-ZUMI-SAN AND THE OTHERS...
IF ALL THREE HUMANS ARE EXTRA-STURDY, IT'LL BE EASIER FOR SHIROISHI TO GET TO KNOW THEM.
ACTUALLY, IT'S BETTER THAT WAY.
... MOTH-ER?
...YO, SHIROISHI. WHAT'S YOUR MOM LIKE?
IF SHE GETS USED TO INTERACTING WITH THOSE THREE...
FOR NOW, YES, BUT THINK IN THE LONG TERM.
STRONGER AND SCARIER THAN ME.
AH.
...AND TREATS NORMAL NUMANS THE SAME WAY, WHAT TNEN?

HUH? REALLY!? WHAT'S GOING ON!?
THERE'S SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT WE MUST SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT.

WE'RE BAAACK!
.....

HAVE WE SLIGHTED THEM?
WHISPER ひそ
I CAN'T THINK WHY...
WHISPER ひそ
A- ARE WE GONNA GET CHEWED OUT!?


HUMANS. SIT.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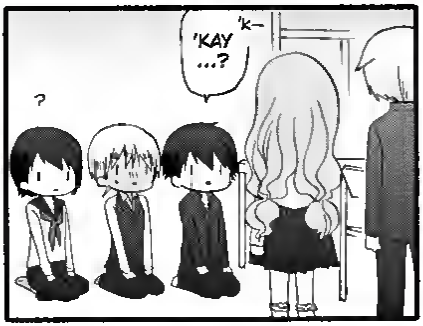
'K~
'KAY ...?
?

YOUKAI LECTURING HUMANS ABOUT HUMANS !?
LISTEN CLOSELY. HUMANS SHOULD BE...

YOU GUYS ARE SITTING TOO!?
SIT
!?

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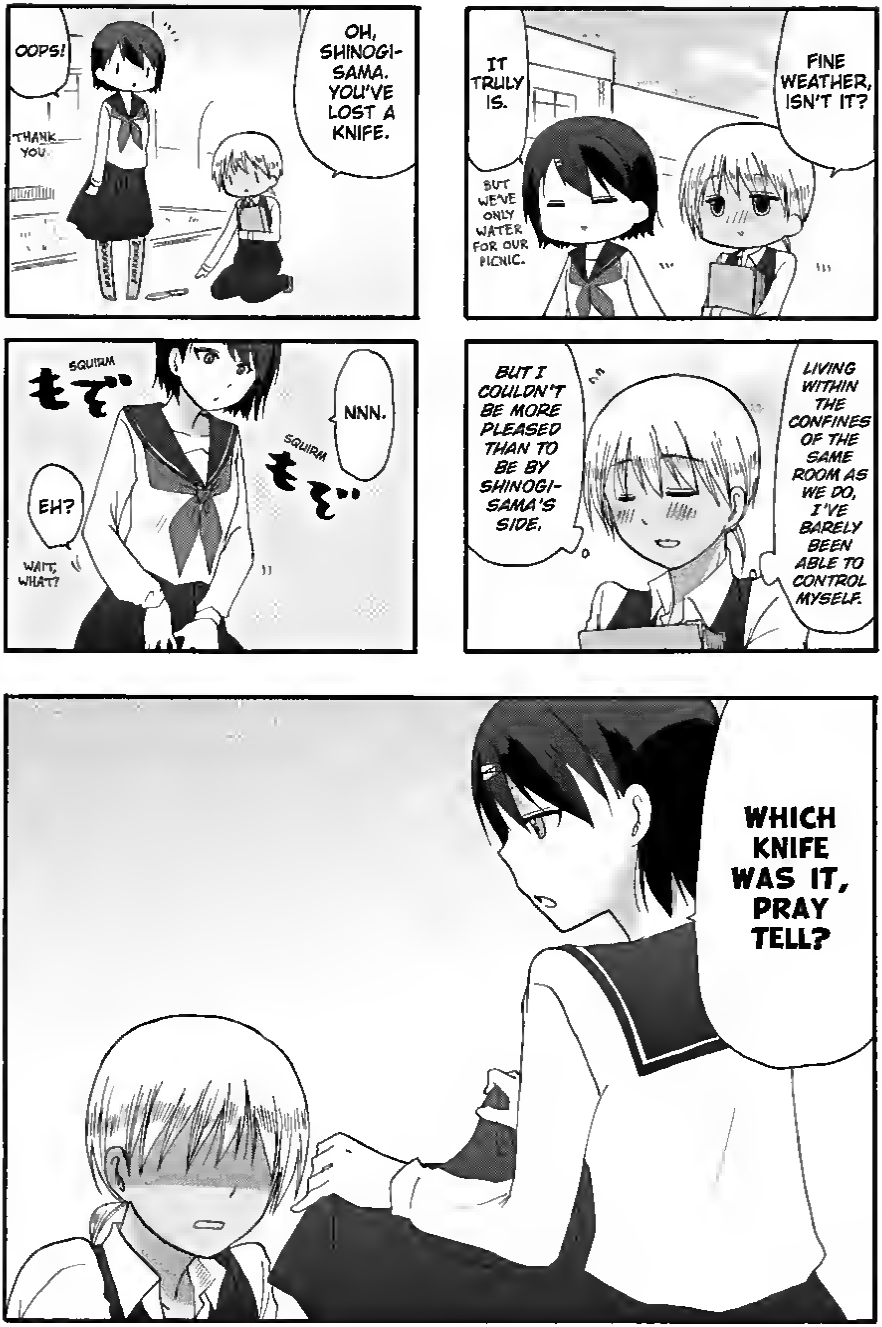
OOPS!
THANK YOU.
OH, SHINOGI-SAMA. YOU'VE LOST A KNIFE.
IT TRULY IS.
FINE WEATHER, ISN'T IT?
BUT WE'VE ONLY WATER FOR OUR PICNIC.
SQUIRM
もぞ
NNN.
SQUIRM
もぞ
EH?
WAIT, WHAT?
BUT I COULDN'T BE MORE PLEASED THAN TO BE BY SHINOGI-SAMA'S SIDE.
LIVING WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE SAME ROOM AS WE DO, I'VE BARELY BEEN ABLE TO CONTROL MYSELF.
WHICH KNIFE WAS IT, PRAY TELL?

MUTTER MUTTER
WH-WHAT'S WRONG, JYUNON!!?
THAT WAS GOOD
NOTHING BEATS EATING LUNCH OUTSIDE.
WHAT A PAIN.
HE'S SAYING SOMETHING. SHUYA, CAN YOU LIFT UP YOUR EARS AND LISTEN IN?
I CAN'T HEAR HIM, BUT I'M AFRAID TO GO ANY CLOSER.
C'MON, SHUYA. YOU ALWAYS TALK LIKE YOU DON'T CARE.
WHEN YOU'RE A CAT.
WHAT'S IT MATTER WHERE WE EAT?
UNDIES
UNDIES
...CHEER YOU RIGHT UP?
DOESN'T GREAT WEATHER LIKE THIS...
HE SHUT THEM!!!!
SMACKKK
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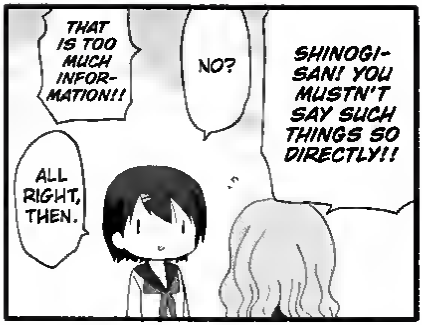
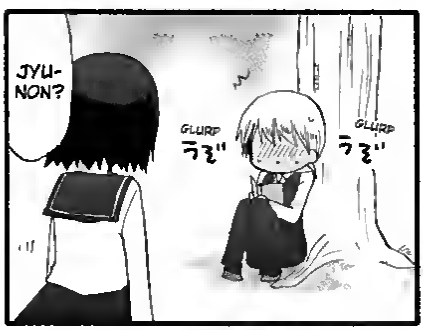
SO DARK!!
GLOOM
ぬ——ん


THAT IS TOO MUCH INFOR-MATION!!
NO?
SHINOGI-SAN! YOU MUSTN'T SAY SUCH THINGS SO DIRECTLY!!
ALL RIGHT, THEN.

WAS HE MUTTERING SOMETHING THAT SCARY!?
IN A WAY, YEAH.

HIBARI-GAOKA, YOU'D BETTER CALM HIM DOWN.
I'LL TRY, BUT WHENEVER HE GETS LIKE THIS...

TELL ME!
NO WAY.
WHY NOT!?
I DON'T WANNA REPEAT IT.


JYU-NON?
GLURP
GLURP

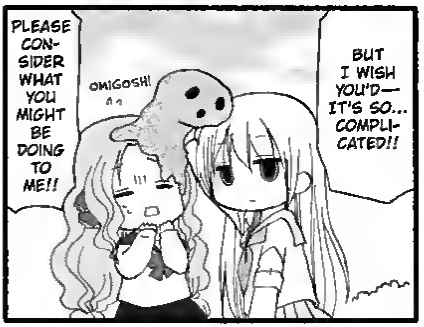
GOOD DAY, FRIENDS!
JYUNON'S HERE AS WELL?
SHINOGI-SAN, SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH JYUNON-SAN!

SHI-SHI-SHI-SHI-SHINOGI-SAMA...
GLURP
GLURP
...HIS MAGIC RUNS AMOK.

OH, THAT'S BECAUSE I LIFTED MY SKIRT TOO HIGH, AND HE CAUGHT AN EYEFUL DF MY UNDER-THINGS.
THEN HE BEAT A HASTY RETREAT.
HAVE SOME SHAME, WILL YOU !!!!?

SHINOGI-SAMA! I KNOW YOU'VE NEVER BEEN ONE TO FUSS OVER DETAILS.
AND I FIND THAT TO BE ONE OF YOUR CHARMS !!

JYU-NON.
GLURP
IF YOU LET YOUR MAGIC RUN WILD, YOU'LL BE BOTHERING FOLK.
GLURP


BUT I WISH YOU'D— IT'S SO... COMPLI-CATED!!
OMIGOSH!
PLEASE CON-SIDER WHAT YOU MIGHT BE DOING TO ME!!

WE BATHED TOGETHER AS CHILDREN.
THINK OF IT IN THE SAME WAY, AND IT'S NOTHING WORTH FUSSING OVER, IS IT?

MY MINO IS GOING PINK!!
EVEN THOUGH I USE BLACK MAGIC!!
IT'S THE WRONG COLOR!

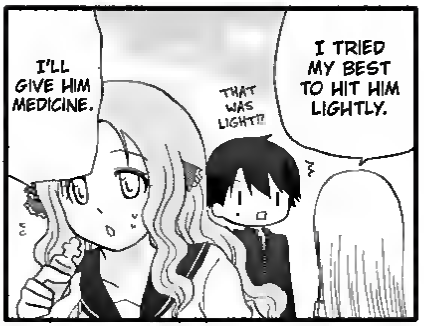
EVEN BACK THEN...
...I HAD IMPURE THOUGHTS !!!!

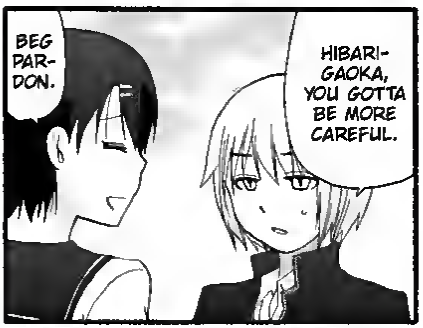
BUT I'M NOT WEARING PINK TODAY.
QUIET, YOU!!

DID YOU TRULY?
SO MUCH FOR THAT IDEA.
DON'T JUST ACCEPT IT!!

SHE KNOCKED HIM OUT!
.....
JYUNON! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?
SINK
SHIRO-ISHI...
.....
DOES SHE HAVE TO GIVE EVEN HUMAN CLASSMATES A BEATDOWN SOMETIMES, FOR THE GOOD OF THE PUBLIC?
SHE SAID IT'S HER JOB TO DEAL WITH BAD YOUKAI AND STUFF. SHE DID IT WITH HIBARIGAOKA-SAN TOO.
BEATS ME...
THINK SHE THOUGHT OF SOMETHING?
MUKU ...
...I'M SOR-RY.
PAT
IT WAS A PERSONAL REASON!
DIRTY JOKES MAKE ME UNCOM-FORTABLE ...
MUKU!!
WHOMP

THAT'S PERFECT.
MUST BE 'COS YOU GOT HIT ON THE HEAD.
IS IT OKAY TO HIT HIM OVER THAT..?

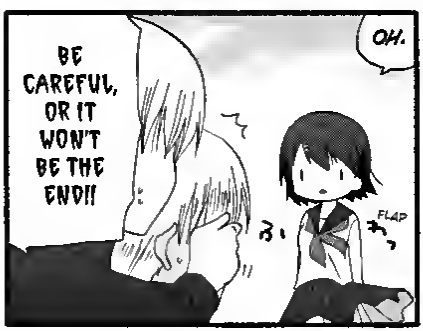

I'LL GIVE HIM MEDICINE.
THAT WAS LIGHT!?
I TRIED MY BEST TO HIT HIM LIGHTLY.


BEG PAR-DON.
HIBARI-GAOKA, YOU GOTTA BE MORE CAREFUL.

JYU-NON!
HA ...!

...ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL—
IN ANY CASE ...
FWSH

YOU DON'T RECALL?
WH-WHAT IN THE WORLD WAS I ...?
NOT A THING ...


OH.
BE CAREFUL, OR IT WON'T BE THE END!!
FLAP

IT WAS MEDICINE TO BRING HIM TO!!
DON'T TELL ME YOU GAVE HIM SOME WEIRD DRUG...

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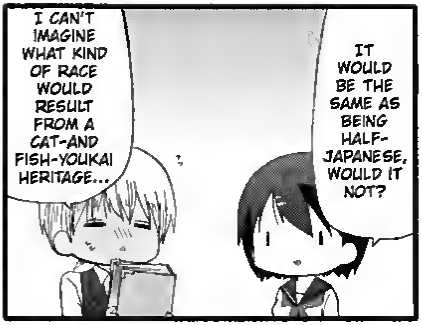
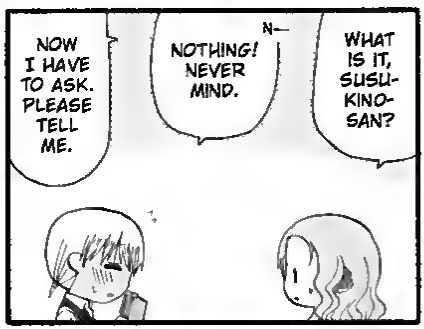
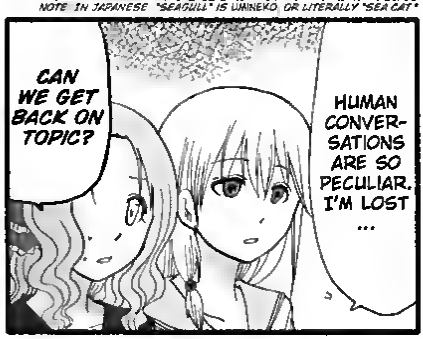
BUT I SHOULD STILL MAKE AN EFFORT TO BE CORDIAL.
HE LOOKS ROUGH AND SCARY.
PERHAPS I'LL GO TO THE LIBRARY
ALL DONE WITH LUNCH
GOOD AFTER-NOON, MISONO-SAN.
OH. IT'S MISONO-SAN.
GLARE
GET LOST.
GOOD-BYE!

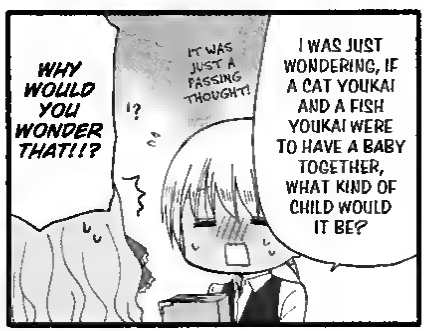

I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT KIND OF RACE WOULD RESULT FROM A CAT-AND FISH-YOUKAI HERITAGE...
IT WOULD BE THE SAME AS BEING HALF-JAPANESE, WOULD IT NOT?

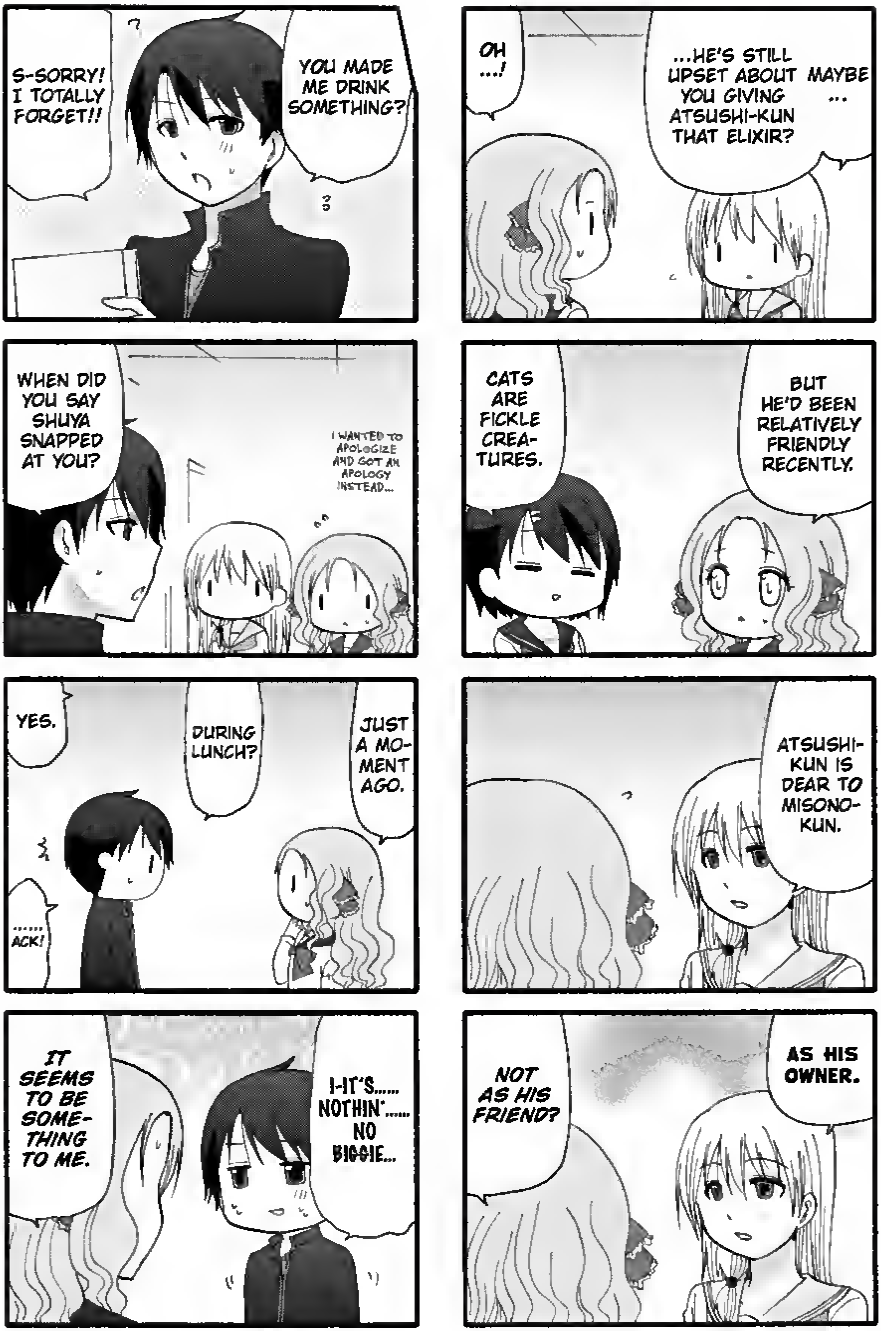
IF YOU MIX A FISH FROM THE SEA AND A CAT FROM ON LAND, YOU GET...
WH-WHAT ARE YOU IMAGINING?
SOME-THING LIKE A CAT AND FISH MIXED TOGETH-ER?

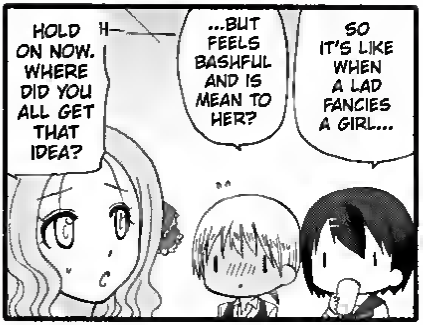
NOTE: IN JAPANESE "SEAGULL" IS UMINEKO, OR LITERALLY "SEA CAT."



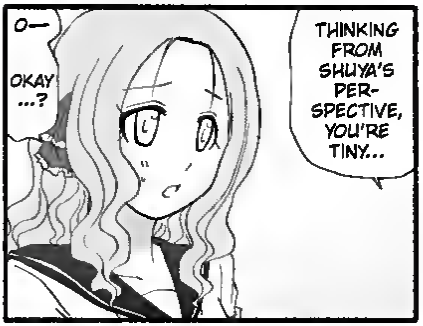



WHY WOULD YOU WONDER THAT!!?
!?
IT WAS JUST A PASSING THOUGHT!
I WAS JUST WONDERING, IF A CAT YOUKAI AND A FISH YOUKAI WERE TO HAVE A BABY TOGETHER, WHAT KIND OF CHILD WOULD IT BE?

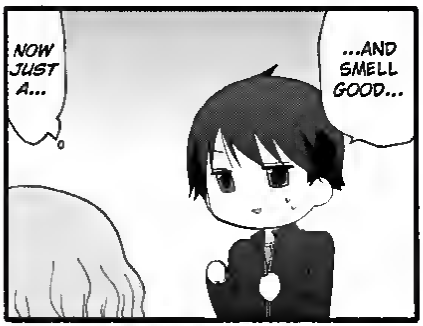

S-SORRY! I TOTALLY FORGET!!
YOU MADE ME DRINK SOMETHING?
OH ...!
...HE'S STILL UPSET ABOUT YOU GIVING ATSUSHI-KUN THAT ELIXIR?
MAYBE ...
WHEN DID YOU SAY SHUYA SNAPPED AT YOU?
I WANTED TO APOLOGIZE AND GOT AN APOLOGY INSTEAD...
CATS ARE FICKLE CREA-TURES.
BUT HE'D BEEN RELATIVELY FRIENDLY RECENTLY.
YES.
DURING LUNCH?
JUST A MO-MENT AGO.
.....ACK!
ATSUSHI-KUN IS DEAR TO MISONO-KUN.
IT SEEMS TO BE SOME-THING TO ME.
I-IT'S..... NOTHIN'..... NO BIGGIE...
NOT AS HIS FRIEND?
AS HIS OWNER.

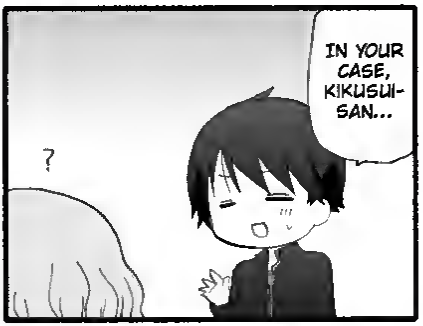

HOLD ON NOW. WHERE DID YOU ALL GET THAT IDEA?
...BUT FEELS BASHFUL AND IS MEAN TO HER?
SO IT'S LIKE WHEN A LAD FANCIES A GIRL...

U-UHHH, UMMM...
I HAVE TO KNOW.
PLEASE TELL ME WHAT IT IS.


O—
OKAY ...?
THINKING FROM SHUYA'S PER-SPECTIVE, YOU'RE TINY...

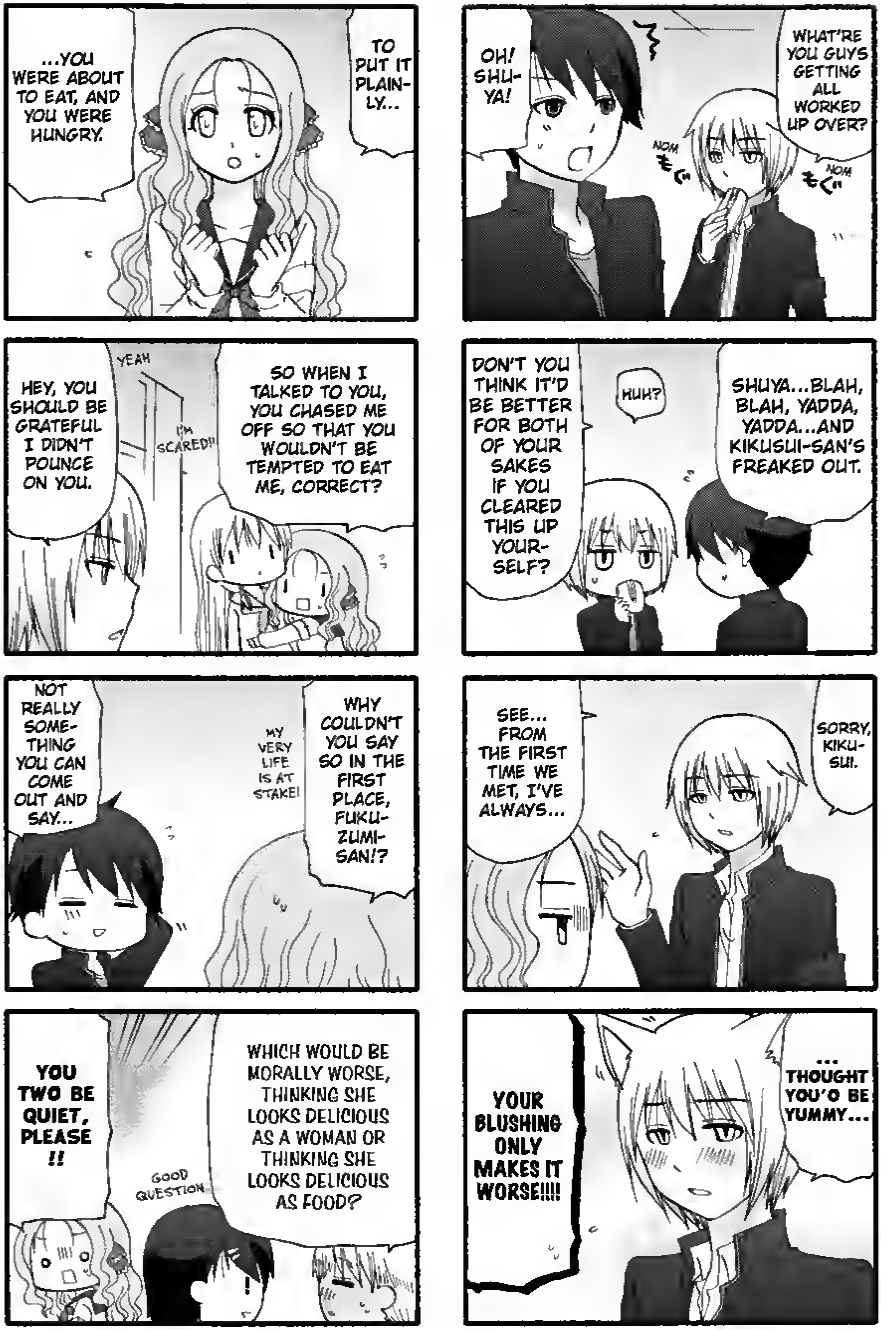
SHUYA, YOU KNOW, LISTENS TO HIS GUT AND ALL...
IT'S LIKE, UH...

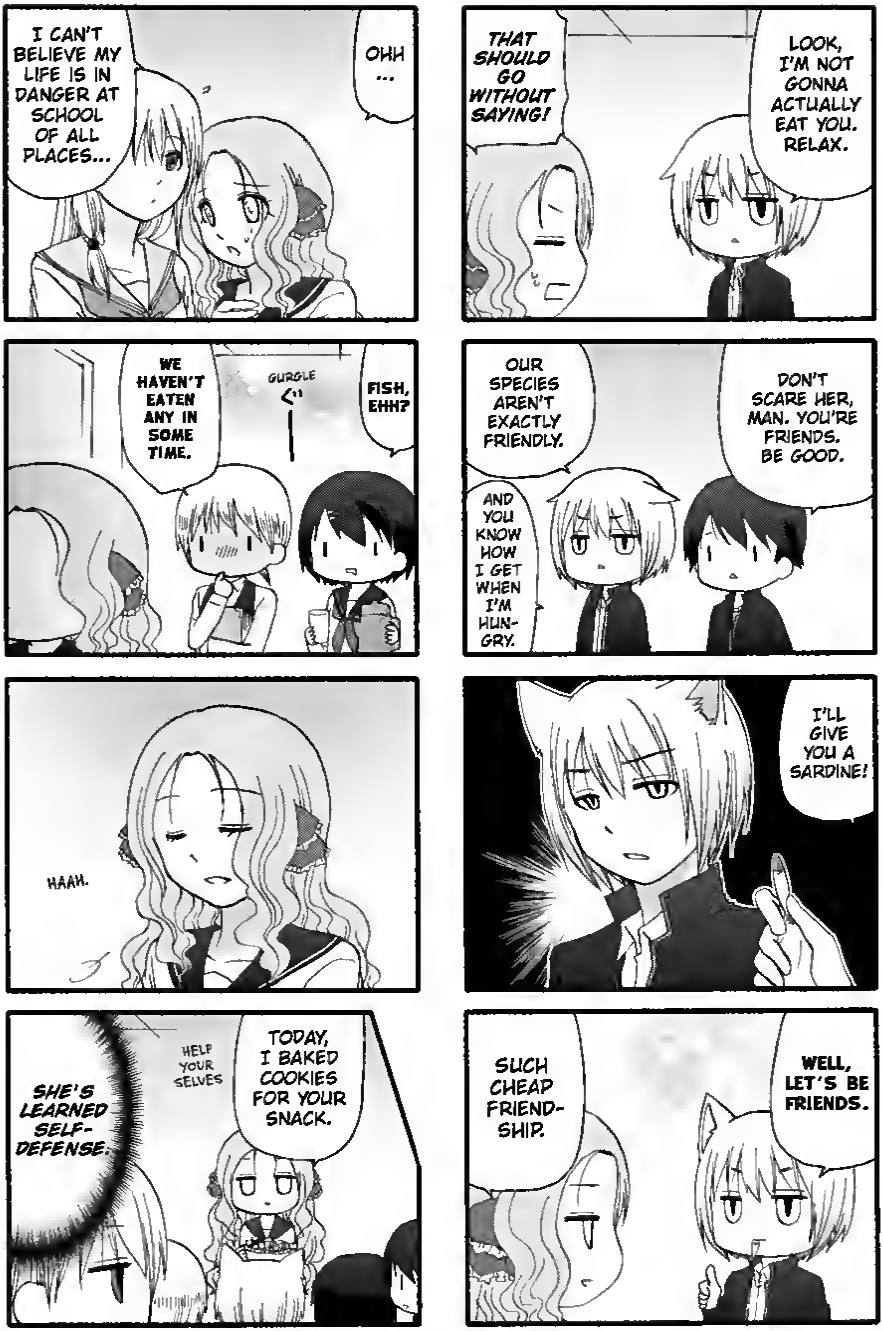

NOW JUST A...
...AND SMELL GOOD...


IN YOUR CASE, KIKUSUI-SAN...
?

I HAVE A VERY BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.
AND LOOK... DELI-CIOUS... ISH...

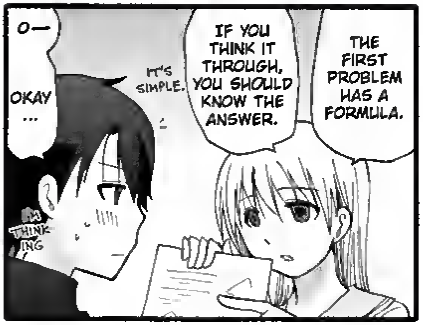
COME AGAIN !?
YOU COULD SAY HE'S ATTRACTED TO YOU...?


...YOU WERE ABOUT TO EAT, AND YOU WERE HUNGRY.
TO PUT IT PLAIN-LY...
OH! SHU-YA!
NOM もぐ
WHAT'RE YOU GUYS GETTING ALL WORKED UP OVER?
NOM もぐ
HEY, YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL I DIDN'T POUNCE ON YOU.
YEAH
I'M SCARED!!
SO WHEN I TALKED TO YOU, YOU CHASED ME OFF SO THAT YOU WOULDN'T BE TEMPTED TO EAT ME, CORRECT?
DON'T YOU THINK IT'D BE BETTER FOR BOTH OF YOUR SAKES IF YOU CLEARED THIS UP YOUR-SELF?
HUH?
SHUYA...BLAH, BLAH, YADDA, YADDA...AND KIKUSUI-SAN'S FREAKED OUT.
NOT REALLY SOME-THING YOU CAN COME OUT AND SAY...
MY VERY LIFE IS AT STAKE!
WHY COULDN'T YOU SAY SO IN THE FIRST PLACE, FUKU-ZUMI-SAN!?
SEE... FROM THE FIRST TIME WE MET, I'VE ALWAYS...
SORRY, KIKU-SUI.
YOU TWO BE QUIET, PLEASE !!
GOOD QUESTION
WHICH WOULD BE MORALLY WORSE, THINKING SHE LOOKS DELICIOUS AS A WOMAN OR THINKING SHE LOOKS DELICIOUS AS FOOD?
YOUR BLUSHING ONLY MAKES IT WORSE!!!!
... THOUGHT YOU'D BE YUMMY...

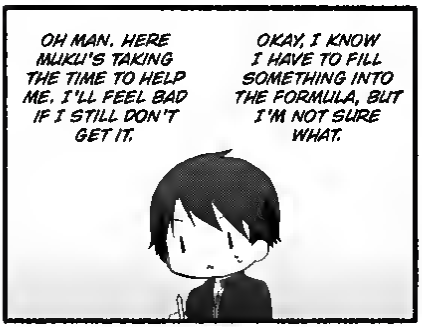

I CAN'T BELIEVE MY LIFE IS IN DANGER AT SCHOOL OF ALL PLACES...
OHH...
THAT SHOULD GO WITHOUT SAYING!
LOOK, I'M NOT GONNA ACTUALLY EAT YOU. RELAX.
WE HAVEN'T EATEN ANY IN SOME TIME.
GURGLE
FISH, EHH?
OUR SPECIES AREN'T EXACTLY FRIENDLY.
DON'T SCARE HER, MAN. YOU'RE FRIENDS. BE GOOD.
AND YOU KNOW HOW I GET WHEN I'M HUNGRY.
HAAH.
I'LL GIVE YOU A SARDINE!
SHE'S LEARNED SELF-DEFENSE.
HELP YOURSELVES
TODAY, I BAKED COOKIES FOR YOUR SNACK.
SUCH CHEAP FRIENDSHIP.
WELL, LET'S BE FRIENDS.

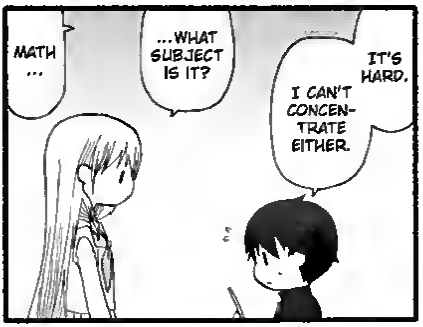
SEASON : 18

I'M HITTING THE BOOKS !!
YOU BET!!
Y—
YEAH!
YOU'RE STUDYING OF YOUR OWN VOLITION THIS LATE AFTER SCHOOL ...?
HAAAAAH
SO I'M STUDYING TO GET AHEAD OF THE CURVE!
OH ...
UM ...
IN THIS DAY AND AGE, YOU GOTTA STUDY IF YOU WANNA GET ANY-WHERE!!
MUKU!
... ATSU-SHI-KUN.
ATSUSHI, YOU LOST HER RIGHT FROM THE START.
SLOW DOWN.
I'M SORRY!! IT WAS ALL A LIE!! IT'S MAKEUP WORK!!!!


O—
OKAY ...
IT'S SIMPLE.
IF YOU THINK IT THROUGH, YOU SHOULD KNOW THE ANSWER.
THE FIRST PROBLEM HAS A FORMULA.
THINKING

BUT IT'S TAKING ME FOREVER.
I'M ON GUARD DUTY.
SENSEI TOLD ME TO DO THIS WORKSHEET.

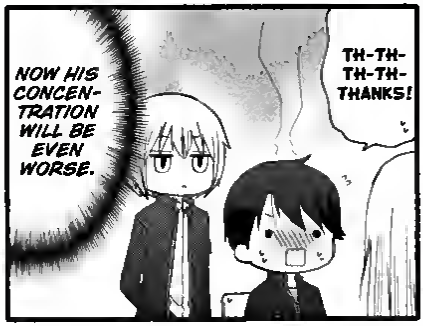

OH MAN. HERE MUKU'S TAKING THE TIME TO HELP ME. I'LL FEEL BAD IF I STILL DON'T GET IT.
OKAY, I KNOW I HAVE TO FILL SOMETHING INTO THE FORMULA, BUT I'M NOT SURE WHAT.


MATH ...
...WHAT SUBJECT IS IT?
IT'S HARD. I CAN'T CONCENTRATE EITHER.

WHO THOUGHT UP THESE SYMBOLS IN THE FIRST PLACE? WERE THEY HONESTLY HUMAN LIKE ME? WHY IS THERE SUCH A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PEOPLE? HECK, HOW DID PEOPLE END UP ON THE EARTH AT ALL?

HUH !!?
I'LL HELP YOU THROUGH IT...

!!?
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE UNIVERSE ...?


NOW HIS CONCENTRATION WILL BE EVEN WORSE.
TH-TH-TH-TH-THANKS!

WHAT'S THIS NOW?
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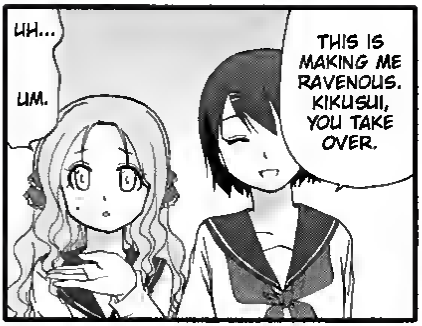
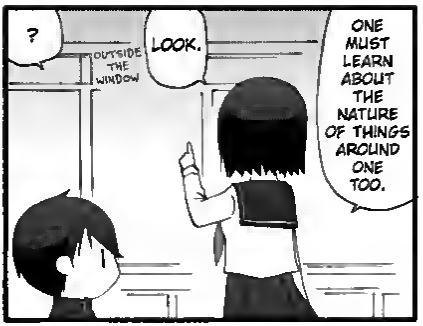
SLIDE
MAYBE YOU NEED TO LEARN TO ENJOY LEARNING FIRST...
FOR AN IDIOT, YOU THINK WAY TOO HARD. STOP.
S-SORRY. I THOUGHT AND THOUGHT AND ENDED UP ON THE UNIVERSE.
?
LEARNING IS AN IMPORTANT PURSUIT.
ONE WHICH ELUDES ME
OHH.
I'M TRYING TO EXPLAIN TO ATSUSHI-KUN THE SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR STUDIES...
R— RIGHT.
I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT.
...TO QUESTION ONE...
APPLY THAT THOUGHT POWER...
MY SAD
MY PARENTS WERE LEARNED TOO.
ONE REQUIRES AN EDUCATED MIND, WHETHER FOR YOUR OWN PROFESSION OR FOR MANAGING OTHERS.
R-RIGHT ...
NOT THAT IT STOPPED THEM FROM GOING BANKRUPT AND THE FAMILY FALLING APART!
IT'S LIKE HIS BODY PHYSICALLY REJECTS LEARNING.
BUT THE UNIVERSE !!


UH...
UM.
THIS IS MAKING ME RAVENOUS. KIKUSUI, YOU TAKE OVER.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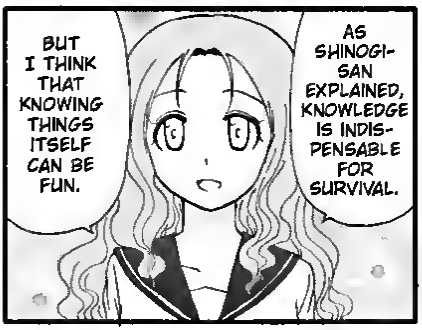
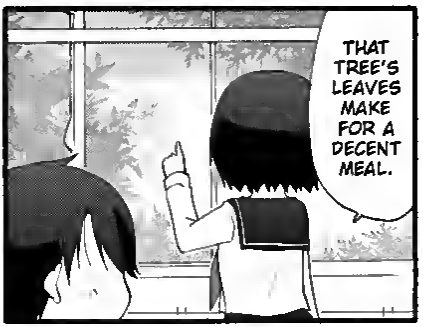
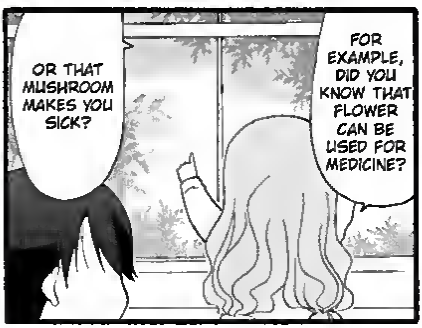
OUTSIDE THE WINDOW
LOOK.
ONE MUST LEARN ABOUT THE NATURE OF THINGS AROUND ONE TOO.


BUT I THINK THAT KNOWING THINGS ITSELF CAN BE FUN.
AS SHINOGI-SAN EXPLAINED, KNOWLEDGE IS INDIS-PENSABLE FOR SURVIVAL.


THAT TREE'S LEAVES MAKE FOR A DECENT MEAL.


OR THAT MUSHROOM MAKES YOU SICK?
FOR EXAMPLE, DID YOU KNOW THAT FLOWER CAN BE USED FOR MEDICINE?

THAT GRASS TASTES RIGHT AWFUL, BUT IT ISN'T INEDIBLE.

THIS IS KINDA SCARY!
EXCITED
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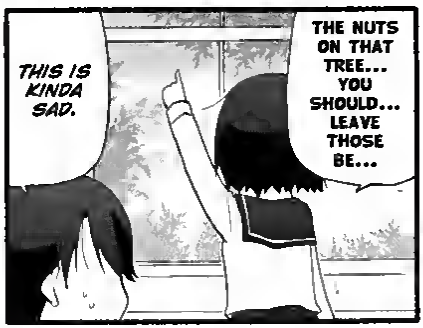
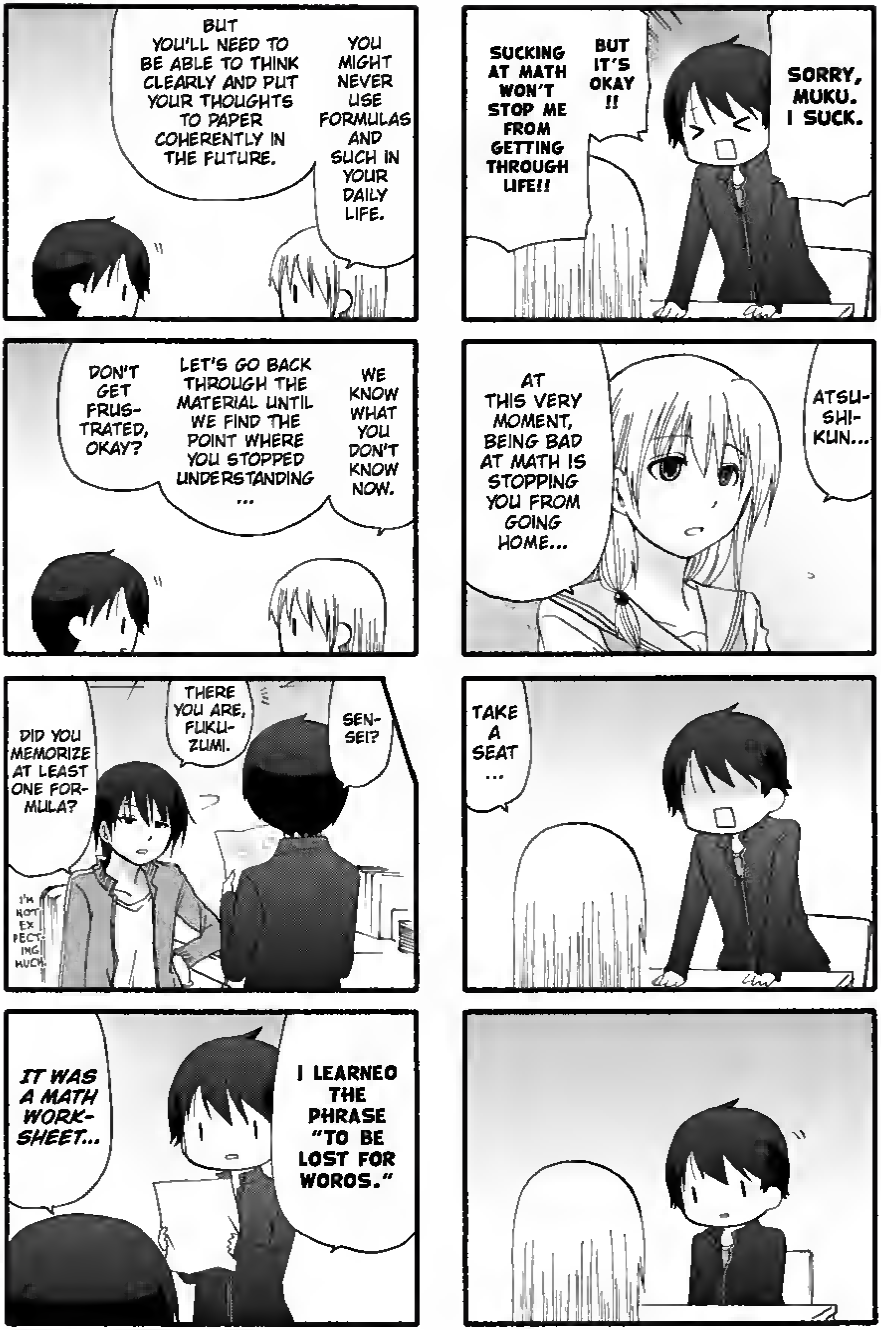
AND THAT GRASS? ALONE, IT'S HARMLESS, BUT IN A MIXTURE, IT'S A DEADLY POISON.

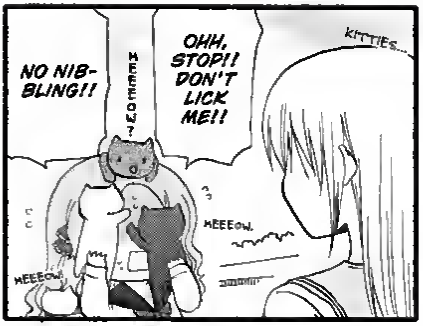

THIS IS KINDA SAD.
THE NUTS ON THAT TREE... YOU SHOULD... LEAVE THOSE BE...

GOOD LUCK ...
LET'S GO HOME SO AS NOT TO DISTURB THEM.
YES.
I'M NOT CUTE LIKE SHUYA, SO I GOTTA HUNKER DOWN AND LEARN.
DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS, MISONO-SAN?
YOU'VE JUST BEEN WATCHING!
YOU GUYS ARE MAKING IT WORSE.
ZZZZ...
ONE HOUR LATER
ALL BRAWN AND NO BRAINS?
AS AM I.
I'M JUST BARELY PASSING
I DON'T EXACTLY GET GOOD GRADES.
...I GET IT NOW!!
...YOU DON'T HAVE ANY SPECIAL ABILI-TIES?
WELL, YOU ARE BUT A CAT.
NOPE, SAME STORY IN GYM CLASS. I'M NOT THAT STRONG.
I UNDER-STAND THAT NOW TOO...
SOME THINGS YOU JUST WON'T UNDERSTAND, NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU'RE TAUGHT.
WELL, THAT'S DEFINITELY ONE WAY TO SURVIVE.
...I'M CUTE.


SORRY, MUKU. I SUCK.
BUT IT'S OKAY !!
SUCKING AT MATH WON'T STOP ME FROM GETTING THROUGH LIFE!!
ATSU-SHI-KUN...
AT THIS VERY MOMENT, BEING BAD AT MATH IS STOPPING YOU FROM GOING HOME...
TAKE A SEAT ...
SEN-SEI?
THERE YOU ARE, FUKU-ZUMI.
DID YOU MEMORIZE AT LEAST ONE FOR-MULA?
I'M NOT EX-PECT-ING MUCH.
I LEARNED THE PHRASE "TO BE LOST FOR WORDS."
IT WAS A MATH WORK-SHEET...
YOU MIGHT NEVER USE FORMULAS AND SUCH IN YOUR DAILY LIFE.
BUT YOU'LL NEED TO BE ABLE TO THINK CLEARLY AND PUT YOUR THOUGHTS TO PAPER COHERENTLY IN THE FUTURE.
WE KNOW WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW NOW.
LET'S GO BACK THROUGH THE MATERIAL UNTIL WE FIND THE POINT WHERE YOU STOPPED UNDERSTANDING ...
DON'T GET FRUS-TRATED, OKAY?

SEASON : 19

...OH, THERE IS NO PROB-LEM.
HAVE YOUR PARENTS SAID ANYTHING TO YOU ABOUT YOUR SOCIAL LIFE?
YES, SEN-SEI?
SHIRO-ISHI.
...
HE'S NOT A BOTHER.
IF HE GETS TO BE A BOTHER, LET ME KNOW.
FUKU-ZUMI'S NOT A BAD KID, BUT HE CAN BE OBLIVIOUS.
..... ?
...ER, HAS THAT... BEEN AN ISSUE LATELY?
PLEASE DON'T.
I CAN IMPLEMENT SOME SIMPLE HARASSMENT, LIKE GIVING HIM SO MANY EXTRA TASKS THAT HE WON'T HAVE THE TIME TO TALK TO YOU.


NO NIB-BLING!!
MMMMM?
OHH, STOP!! DON'T LICK ME!!
KITTIES...
MEEEOW.
MEEEOW.

HAAH...
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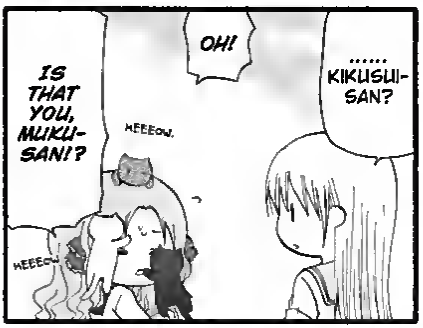
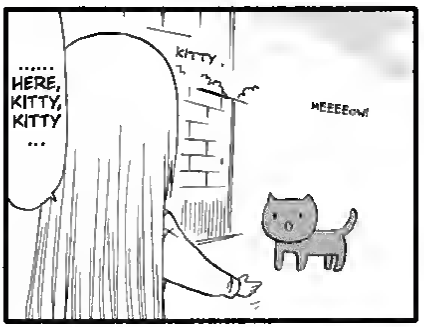
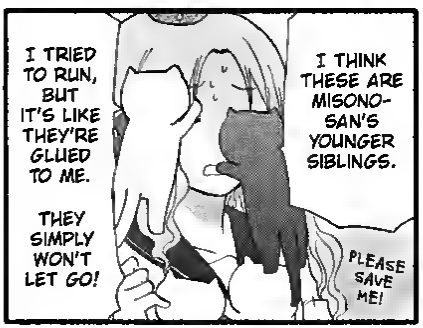
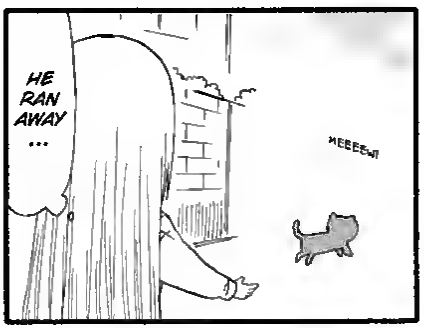
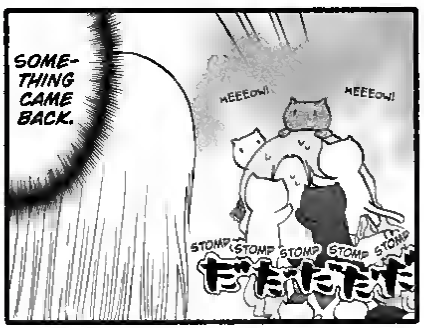

IS THAT YOU, MUKU-SAN!?
OH!
.....KIKUSUI-SAN?
MEEEOW.
MEEEOW.


..... HERE, KITTY, KITTY ...
KITTY.
MEEEOW!


I TRIED TO RUN, BUT IT'S LIKE THEY'RE GLUED TO ME.
THEY SIMPLY WON'T LET GO!
I THINK THESE ARE MISONO-SAN'S YOUNGER SIBLINGS.
PLEASE SAVE ME!


HE RAN AWAY ...
MEEEOW!

MEEEOW!
MY LIFE IS IN DAN-GER!!
THIS IS NOT GOOD LUCK!!
KITTIES..
HOW LUCKY ...


SOME-THING CAME BACK.
MEEEOW!
MEEEOW!
STOMP
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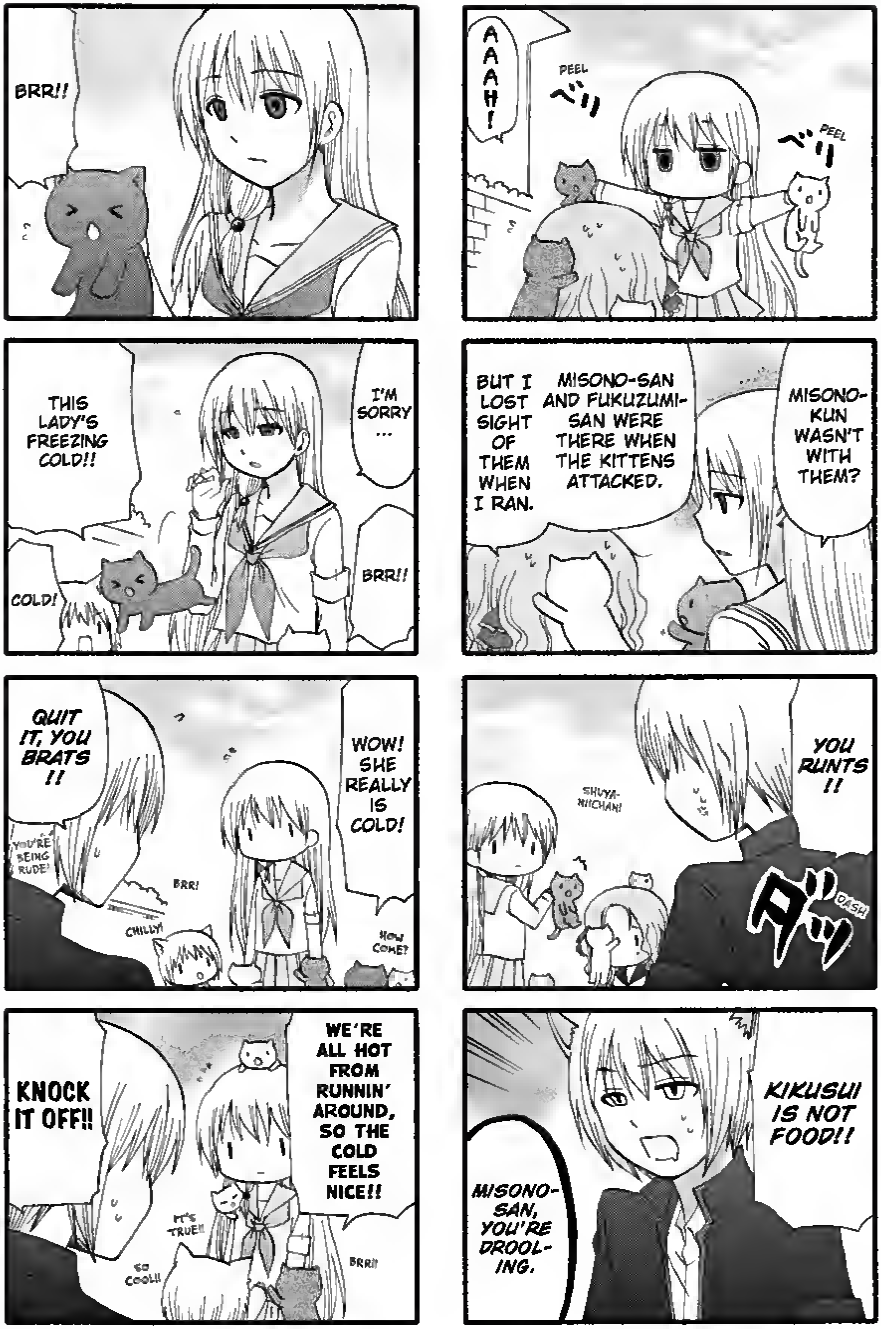
BRR!!
AAAH!
PEEL
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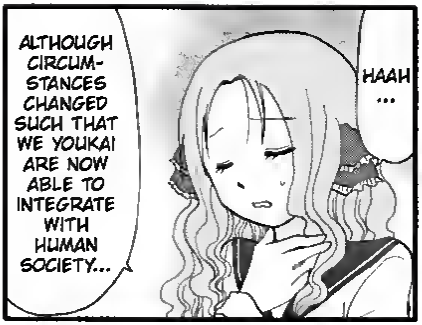
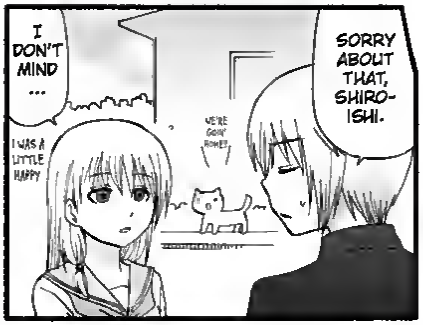
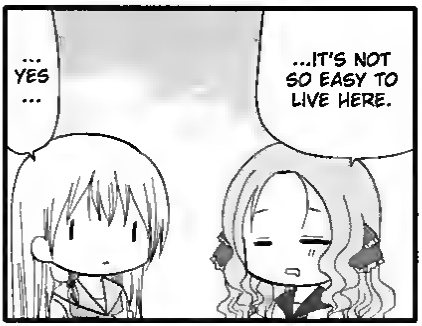
THIS LADY'S FREEZING COLD!!
I'M SORRY ...
BRR!!
COLD!
BUT I LOST SIGHT OF THEM WHEN I RAN.
MISONO-SAN AND FUKUZUMI-SAN WERE THERE WHEN THE KITTENS ATTACKED.
MISONO-KUN WASN'T WITH THEM?
QUIT IT, YOU BRATS !!
WOW! SHE REALLY IS COLD!
YOU'RE BEING RUDE!
BRR!
CHILLY!
HOW COME?
SHUYA-NIICHAN!
YOU RUNTS !!
DASH!
KNOCK IT OFF!!
WE'RE ALL HOT FROM RUNNIN' AROUND, SO THE COLD FEELS NICE!!
IT'S TRUE!
SO COOL!!
BRR!!
MISONO-SAN, YOU'RE DROOL-ING.
KIKUSUI IS NOT FOOD!!


ALTHOUGH CIRCUM-STANCES CHANGED SUCH THAT WE YOUKAI ARE NOW ABLE TO INTEGRATE WITH HUMAN SOCIETY...
HAAH...


I DON'T MIND...
I WAS A LITTLE HAPPY
SORRY ABOUT THAT, SHIRO-ISHI.


...YES...
...IT'S NOT SO EASY TO LIVE HERE.

SORRY, KIKU-SUI.
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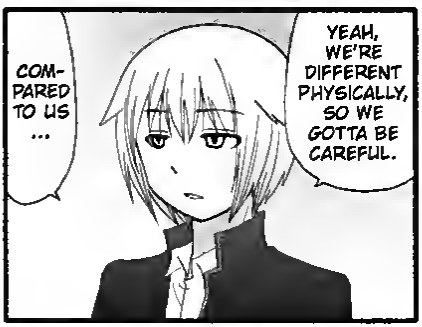
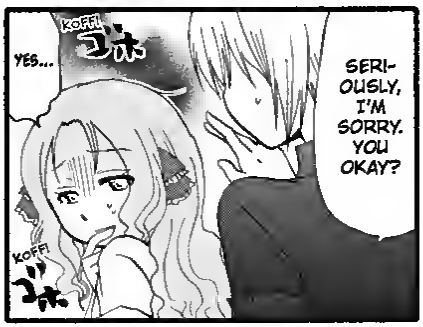
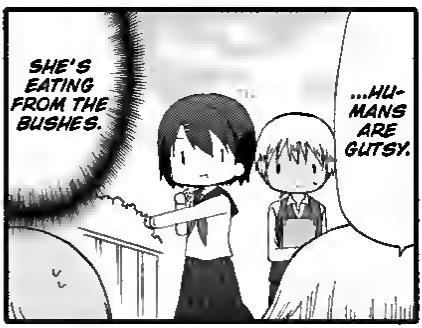
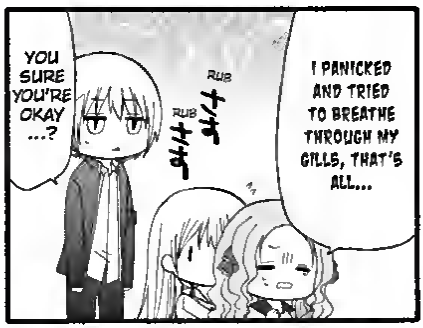
KOFF!
KOFF!

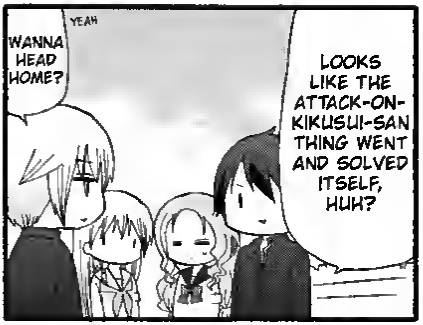

COM-PARED TO US...
YEAH, WE'RE DIFFERENT PHYSICALLY, SO WE GOTTA BE CAREFUL.


KOFF! ゴホ
YES...
SERI-OUSLY, I'M SORRY. YOU OKAY?
KOFF! ゴホ


SHE'S EATING FROM THE BUSHES.
...HU-MANS ARE GUTSY.

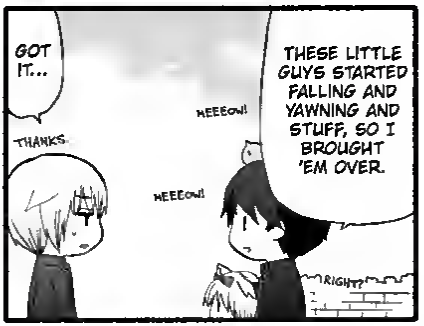

YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY...?
RUB
RUB
I PANICKED AND TRIED TO BREATHE THROUGH MY GILLS, THAT'S ALL...

YOU COULD SAY SO, YES.
...SEEMS ROUGH
OH, YOU KNOW...
WHY, GOOD DAY, CHUMS!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THIS WAY OF LIFE MAY PROVE TO BE MORE COMFORTABLE.
BUT I HAD MORE BOTHERSOME MATTERS TO DEAL WITH WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SOCIETY.
HOW DELIGHTFULLY EASY-GOING.
WE'RE PECKING AT SHRUBBERY WHILE OUT FOR A STROLL.
I SEE...
HAVING TO FORAGE FOR FOOD IS NOTHING IF IT MEANS I'M FREE.
PLUS, YOU CAN GO 'ROUND TO THE SUPERMARKETS FOR SAMPLES AND FORAGE FROM THE GREAT OUTDOORS TOO.
WALKS ARE MARVELOUS. THEY'RE A GOOD WAY TO WHILE AWAY THE TIME.
OHH.....
NOBODY WANTS TO EAT GRASS
THAT WAS ME PUTTING ON A STRONG FRONT.
I'M SORRY FOR EVEN USING THE TERM "EASY-GOING"...
AND IF YOU STAY OUT OF THE HOUSE, YOU SAVE ON THE ELECTRICITY BILL.


YEAH
WANNA HEAD HOME?
LOOKS LIKE THE ATTACK-ON-KIKUSUI-SAN THING WENT AND SOLVED ITSELF, HUH?

ATSU-SHI.
HUH?
EVERY-BODY?
MEEEOW!
HEY, THERE YOU ARE!! SHUYA! KIKUSUI-SAN!
MEEEOW!
MEEEOW!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I STILL GOT TIME BEFORE DINNER
I'M GONNA MAKE A PIT STOP!


GOT IT...
THANKS.
MEEEOW!
MEEEOW!
THESE LITTLE GUYS STARTED FALLING AND YAWNING AND STUFF, SO I BROUGHT 'EM OVER.
RIGHT?

SO I WANNA GET STRONGER TOO.
WITH MUKU AND HIBARI-GAOKA-SAN, THERE'S ALL THESE STRONG PEOPLE AROUND ME NOW.

HOT!!
DON'T CRY, GUYS!
LOOK, IT'S YOUR BIG BRO!
HUH!?

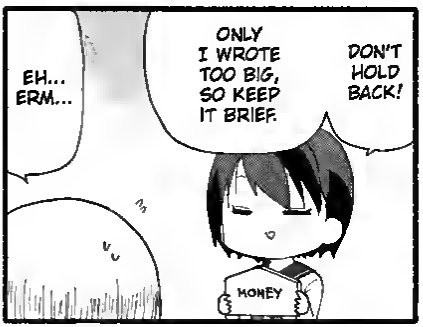
YOU'RE ASKING THE GODS FOR THAT?
SO I'VE BEEN VISITING THE SHRINE EVERYDAY!

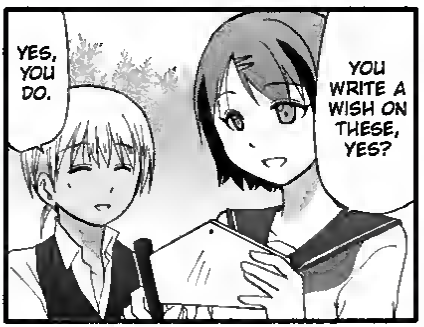
IT'S THE OPPO-SITE WITH ME...
HOT!
TOO LOUD!
MY BAD!
ATSU-SHI-NIICHAN IS HOT!!
TOO ROUGH!!
MEEEOW!!
YOUR BODY'S TOO HOT!!

LET'S TAKE A SHORTCUT, SINCE WE'RE ALL HERE
HAVE WE BEEN IN THE WAY?
FUKUZUMI FANCIES SHIROISHI?
IS THAT SO?
IT'S ONLY A LITTLE OUT OF THE WAY.
YUP!
A SHRINE?
DOES SHE? THAT COMPLI-CATES THE MATTER.
FORGOT TO MENTION IT.
SHIROISHI MELTS WHEN ANYBODY'S NICE TO HER, SO BE CAREFUL.
ENOUGH ABOUT HIS FEELINGS FOR NOW.
WOW ...
THEY SAY THE GODS THERE CAN GIVE YOU BLESS-INGS.
...IF SNOW YOUKAI MELT FROM KIND, WARM FEELINGS, THEN HOW DID SHIROISHI-SAN'S PARENTS COME TO HAVE HER...?
DON'T.
HE ASKED HER OUT LIKE IT WAS NOTHING!
..... OKAY.
YOU WANNA COME TOO?
IN AN UNKIND WAY?
I SAID STOP IT!!
HE'S ASKING US OUT TOO?
WHAT ABOUT YOU GUYS?

O-OH, NO, I COULDN'T IMPOSE.
I'LL WRITE YOUR WISH TOO, JYUNON.
RIGHT WITH MINE.

I'VE NOT BEEN TO A SHRINE BEFORE, SO I BOUGHT A WISH PLAQUE.
NO DINNER FOR ME TODAY
AS LONG AS YOU'RE ENJOYING YOURSELF, SHINOGI SAMA


EH... ERM...
ONLY I WROTE TOO BIG, SO KEEP IT BRIEF.
DON'T HOLD BACK!
MONEY


YES, YOU DO.
YOU WRITE A WISH ON THESE, YES?

UMMMM...
HMM. STILL TOO LONG.
UMM... L-LUCK IN LOVE?
TRULY? THANK YOU. BUT THAT WON'T FIT.
N-NOTHING WOULD PLEASE ME MORE THAN STAYING BY YOUR SIDE FOR THE REST OF MY DAYS.

THERE ARE GODS OF FORTUNE. SHOULD BE FINE.
WOULD IT BE IN BAD TASTE TO MAKE A FINANCIAL WISH?

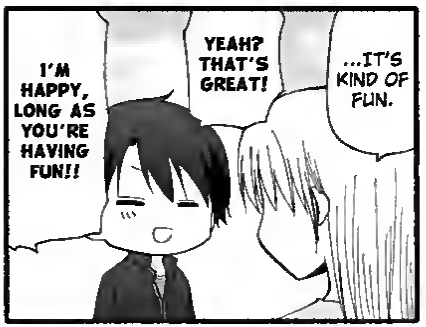
ALL DONE.
YOU'RE GONNA ANGER THE GODS.
MONEY & WOMEN

ALL DONE.
THINK HARDER.
MONEY

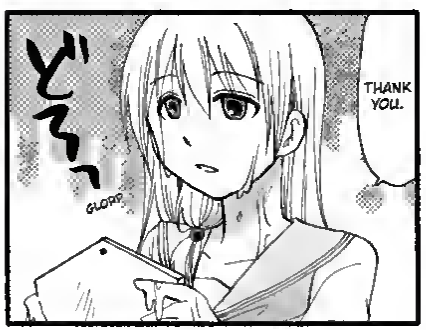
C'MON, DUDE, JUST GIVE IT UP.
UGH.
I'M ALWAYS PRAYING, SO I DON'T NEED TO WRITE ONE, DO I?
WISH PLA-QUES, HUH?
I KNOW YOU'RE BEING CONSIDER-ATE FOR HER SAKE, BUT STILL ...
THIS WAS YOUR CHANCE TO GET SOME ALONE TIME, BUT THEN YOU ASKED THE REST OF US ALONG TOO?
YEP!
YOU MUST BE GETTING ON THEIR NERVES.
ARE YOU SERIOUSLY ASKING THE GODS TO MAKE YOU STRONGER EVERY DAY?
.....
AND Y'KNOW, WHILE THEY'RE AT IT, KNOWING MY FEELINGS FOR MUKU, IF THEY COULD HELP ME GET FURTHER, BUT MAKE SURE IT WON'T MAKE THINGS HARDER FOR HER...
I ALSO ASK, UM... FOR MUKU TO MAKE A LOT OF FRIENDS AND BE HAPPY...
STOP BEING SO OBLIVIOUS BEFORE YOU EVEN THINK ABOUT DATING.
?
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
DON'T ASK THE GODS FOR SOMETHING SO SPECIFIC YET VAGUE.
...AND "PLEASE THROW ME A BONE" KINDA THING.

AWE-SOME!!
...IN THAT CASE... I'LL WRITE ONE.

EH...?
AREN'T YOU GONNA WRITE A WISH, MUKU?


I'M HAPPY, LONG AS YOU'RE HAVING FUN!!
YEAH? THAT'S GREAT!
...IT'S KIND OF FUN.

C'MON!! THERE TOTALLY IS!!
UHHH...
IS THERE ANY POINT IN A YOUKAI WRITING ONE...?
HUH?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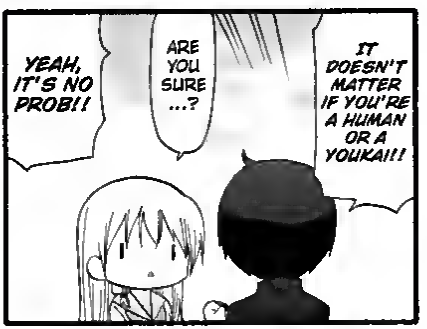
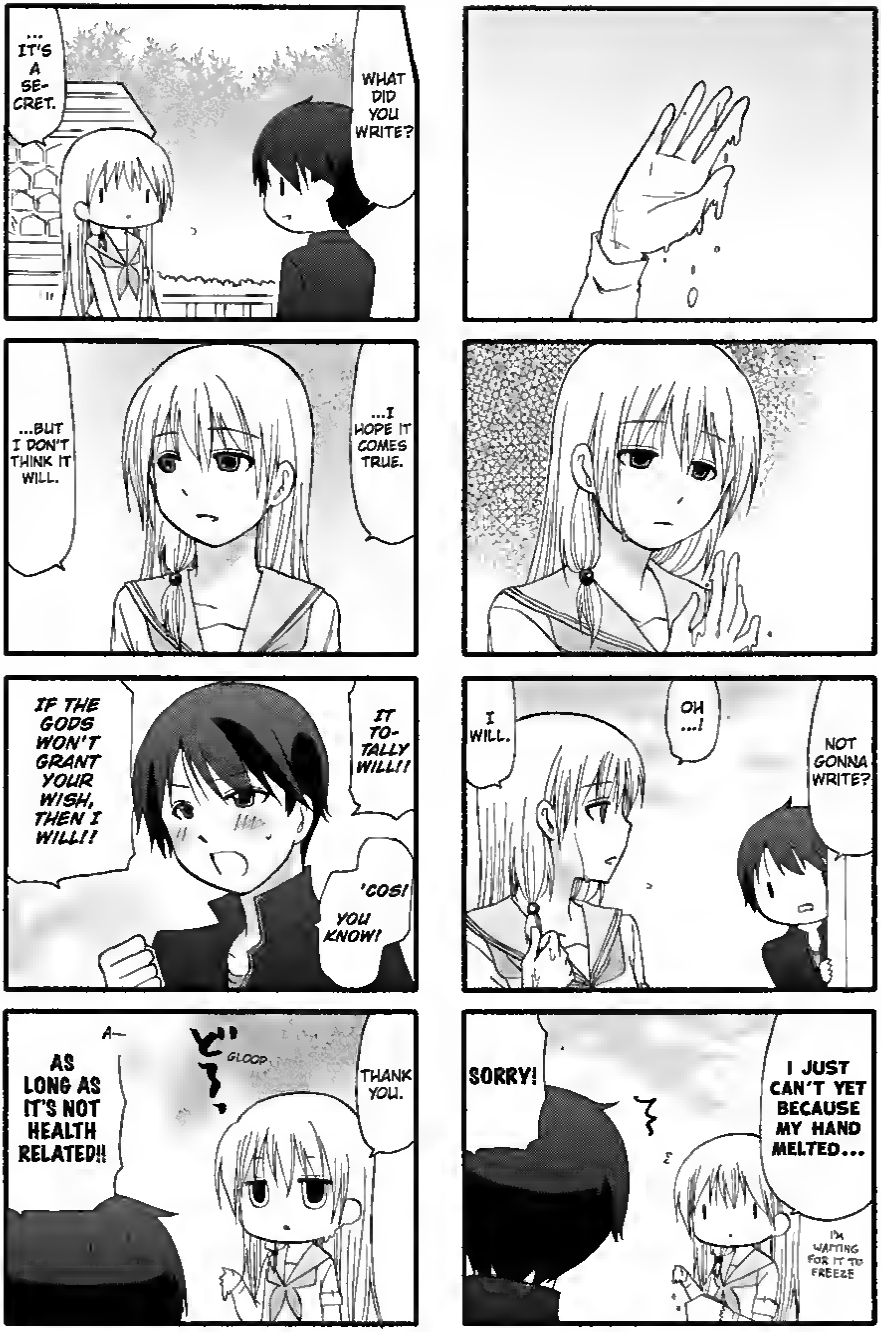
GLOPP
THANK YOU.

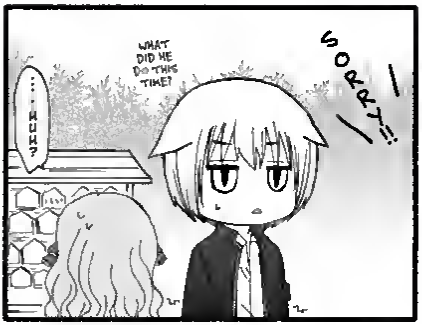

YEAH, IT'S NO PROB!!
ARE YOU SURE...?
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU'RE A HUMAN OR A YOUKAI!!

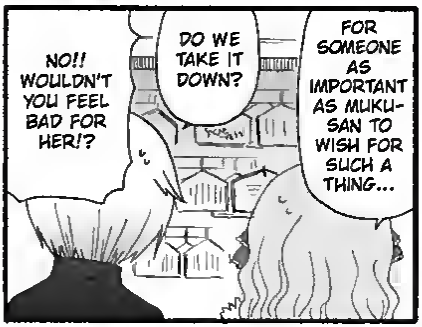
I'M NOT SURE...
MY BAD!!
WAS I TOO NICE JUST NOW!?

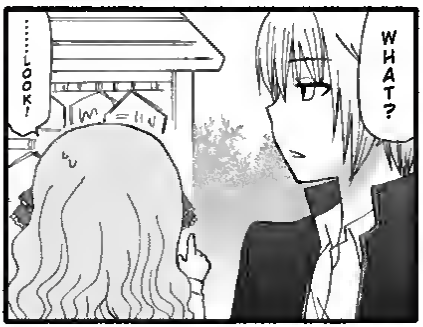
WAY TO RAISE THE ENTRY BAR FOR GODHOOD.
GODS CAN GRANT ANY WISH!!

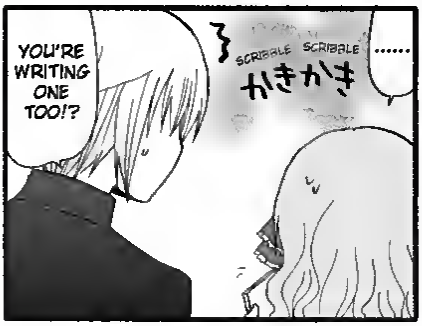

...
IT'S A SE-CRET.
WHAT DID YOU WRITE?
...BUT I DON'T THINK IT WILL.
...I HOPE IT COMES TRUE.
IF THE GODS WON'T GRANT YOUR WISH, THEN I WILL!!
IT TO-TALLY WILL!!
'COS! YOU KNOW!
I WILL.
OH ...!
NOT GONNA WRITE?
A—
AS LONG AS IT'S NOT HEALTH RELATED!!
どう
GLOOP
THANK YOU.
SORRY!
I JUST CAN'T YET BECAUSE MY HAND MELTED...
I'M WAITING FOR IT TO FREEZE

VERY MUCH SO.
THIS... COULD BE A PROB-LEM.


SORRY!!!
WHAT DID HE DO THIS TIME?
...HUH?


NO!! WOULDN'T YOU FEEL BAD FOR HER!?
DO WE TAKE IT DOWN?
FOR SOMEONE AS IMPORTANT AS MUKU-SAN TO WISH FOR SUCH A THING...


WHAT?
.....LOOK!


YOU'RE WRITING ONE TOO!?
SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE
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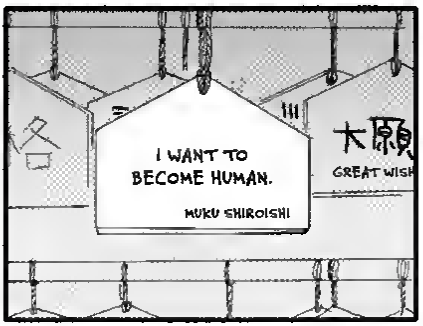
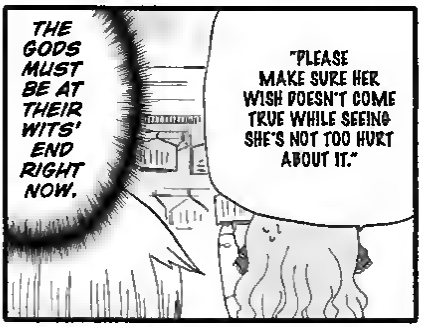

I WANT TO BECOME HUMAN.
MUKU SHIROISHI
大願
GREAT WISH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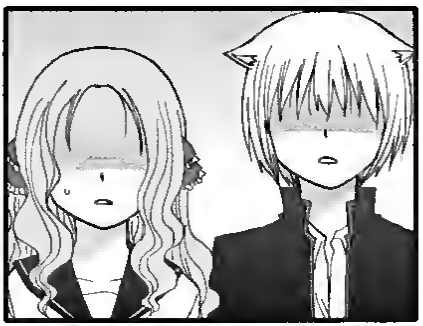
"PLEASE MAKE SURE HER WISH DOESN'T COME TRUE WHILE SEEING SHE'S NOT TOO HURT ABOUT IT."



AFTERWORD

THE RECURRING CAT

Hello to all of you, readers new and old. Thank you very much for reading *My Monster Girl's Too Cool for You.*

Because of your support, not only did this story get two short-term serializations, it's now a regular series and was fortunate enough to get to its first volume. Thank you very much.

This is my first time doing a series for a magazine aimed at younger boys, so I'm nervous over the reception it will have, but I'm very thankful for the chance to be serialized in *Shounen Gangan*. It's a magazine I was reading way back when. I'm not sure how long the series will continue, but I would be honored if you'd come along for the ride.

I named the characters after local subway lines and train stations. It looks like I'm brimming with pride for my home, but really it's only that I couldn't think of any good last names. Sorry! I think Fukuzumi's a good, lucky-sounding name.

I hope we'll see each other in the next volume.
Thank you again!

To my editor and assistants:
Thank you for all the work you do!

KARINO TAKATSU

(IF I HAD TO CHOOSE, I'D SAY I'M A DOG PERSON.)

WHAT'S WRONG, ATSUSHI? YOU WORN OUT?
I WANNA BE A GROWNUP ALREADY!
SHE CHEWED ME OUT AGAIN!
WHAT A KIDDY MOTIVE ...
I WANNA BE A GROWNUP SO I CAN MOVE OUT AND LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE MY MOM NEVER YELLS AT ME!
WHAT'S WRONG, SHUYA!? ARE YOU WORN OUT!?
MY FAMILY'S TOO BIG.
ME... I WANNA BECOME A RICH PERSON'S PET AND LIVE IN LUXURY.
OOO!
COME TO THINK OF IT, THIS GUY'S NOT LIVING ALONE, BUT HE IS LIVING AWAY FROM HIS PARENTS.

I-IT'S DIFFICULT LIVING AWAY FROM ONE'S PARENTS. THERE ARE SO MANY STRESSFUL THINGS THAT ARISE...
LIKE WHAT?
.....
.....
... WELL .....
I-IS IT SO BAD YOU DON'T EVEN WANNA SAY IT?
..... SH—
SHINOGI-SAMA WON'T WEAR A BRA WHEN SHE SLEEPS!
DON'T THINK YOU CAN SAY WHATEVER YOU WANT AS LONG AS YOU BLUSH AND GET TEARY.

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YES..... SOME-THING... TO THAT EFFECT .....
SO, MUKU, IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE THE KID OF A REAL AMAZING BADASS YOUKAI.
?
IS THAT WHY YOUR UNIFORM'S DIFFERENT FROM OURS AND ALL SPECIAL?
HUH!? BUT THE COLORS, THEY LOOK KINDA LIGHTER ...
MINE'S JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE'S .....
FROST !!?
OH, THAT? IT'S FROST.

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